

Bristol BPAC Meeting Minutes

2024-02-22

Call to Order: 7:02 P.M. via Zoom. Meeting was recorded.

In Attendance:

Brad Cameron
Christian DaBica
Kevin Masse
Dustin Corrigan
Tanya Bashaw

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- I. 7:02 PM: Review/approval of the January 25, 2024 meeting minutes - APPROVED
- II. Public Forum – no members of public attending call
 - a. CD: Noted the minutes have been posted for the public to be aware of meetings.
- III. Quarterly Initiatives
 - a. CD: Let's finalize initiatives to bring to town, lots have been discussed from crosswalks to potential for more traffic calming for pine street, opened up to group for discussion
 - b. BC: mentioned about expanding sidewalk up north street to include who village
 - c. CD: would be great to know where the airport road where we are with that initiative, expanding
 - d. TB: mentioned shelters at police station, reminded Cris to follow up with town to see if we can use those structures > Select Board + Parks and Recs > Don't seem like private buildings. Grant to get bike storage if structures near police station are unavailable for use
 - e. Decision to add bike storage to grant initiative
 - f. Spring to pleasant street run, with bike storage.
 - g. DC: lights for crosswalks on north street, pleasant / spring street. Pedestrian / bike path that can go out towards Bartlett Falls and the BTN
 - h. CD: noted that 116 is not safe, ironic given bike shop is there, and Bartlett Falls is down that road
 - i. KM: Summer / spring town will repaint crosswalks, making a note to paint the crosswalks sooner if spring comes earlier this year. Inquiring about the schedule. Working with local motion to come to the high school to present to driver's ed students, increase education to elementary school with local motion as well. Promote more bike use. Resources from the state to give free helmets / etc. during 4th of July.
 - j. CD: Bike / walk / roll, Bristol rep stepped down, role has not been replaced. When KM talks to Melany to see if they've made an attempt to fill the rep for Bristol area. Big driver for safety initiative at school, would make sense for 4th of July.
 - k. KM: mentioning areas of concentrated areas of biking, emphasize to folks where you can ride locally. Asked if BTN allows for cycling. CD: we have outreach to

group at New leaf that's connecting the trail network to other places that people can hike, or access. We can get together with them, and tri-town group to promote more networks of on/off road hiking + biking trails. Outreach. CD, wondering why we aren't hearing from tri-town network. Talk of connecting New Leaf to the watershed.

IV. Grants

- a. CD: many of the initiatives are tied in with the initiatives that we discussed. Plans to reach out to the town to figure out the rules of engagement for how to utilize the services of the town grant writer.

V. Other Business

- a. KM: mindful of specifics, to make sure that he delivers message well, community member approached him, who was frustrated with proposal of having stop signs on pine street... long time member, very emotional, encouraged him to speak directly to our group, relaying the concern to us here. Community member felt it was inappropriate, very opinionated about people should not be walking down Pine Street... or other streets that have sidewalks, did not want to understand the rationale behind "the loop". Mark Bouvier, involved community member? CD: thank you for sharing, and for being on front lines of receiving community feedback.
- b. CD: we serve at the pleasure of the select board, the stop signs were mandated by the select board to have stop signs on pine street, that would replace proposal to have traffic calming in general... they received negative feedback that was negative enough to table the proposal. We put together the proposal as an advisory to the town. BPAC = advisory committee... we advise the select board with items we think we should be doing, as well at items that we've been tasked by from sb. We would like to have Mark on this call to be able to talk things through. Safety health and wellbeing of PEDESTRIANS... Marks feedback is for the Select Board... we've said all we can about that initiative. Traffic calming
- c. TB: curious what the pros are to keeping the road as is... what is the negative effect besides having to slow down a couple times? What else about this is not a good idea?
- d. BC: inquired about the Pine street plan that was put forth by Valerie, CD: both sides of pine street, 3 ft to each lane of the road to help slow things down, proposal is parked in our share... which lead to stop sign.
- e. AARPA funding process, spending on pine street, got into the flow of convo around these things... has no manifested in anything formal. CD has noted, these items are in the cloud share, selectboard had already assigned a vendor, and bugetted money to paint the street in pine street. Valerie mentioned what it would take to widen pine street, that would require some road to come
- f. DC: they're not done with the road, repaving the road, hard to understand, audio is corrupted. Better drainage, how much would that change? Pine street could look different. Poor audio,
- g. Action Item: CD to reach out to Valerie to see what the plan is for pine street, will email her to see what is happening.

VI. Adjourn – 7:41 PM