

Bicycle and Pedestrian Alliance of Clinton
Clinton Town Hall – Green Room
April 24, 2019
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Carrie Allen, Ginnie Simmons, Mark Koschwitz, Hal Tzeuschler, Niko Clados, Moe Bean, and Paul Egan in attendance. Carrie Allen called the meeting to order and chaired.

Guest: Eric O'Connell of Harbor News

Minutes approved Motion to approve minutes from February meeting by Mark, second by Paul. Minutes were approved (there was no BPAC meeting in March).

Greenway There was some resistance to our proposed Greenway route into and around the west side of Town Hall where sidewalks were involved. There were objections to using the sidewalk in that area for bike traffic. The police chief came on the site to review the situation and proposed a solution to reach the back of the parking lot and kayak rack storage area. Our desire to relocate the kayak rack and guy wires for the Eversource pole are possible. Stone dust on a path behind the split-rail fence is not possible, however, due to the restrictions that the Eliot Land trust parcel be maintained “a meadow”. Bob Voss at Clinton DPW was very helpful in devising a solution to exiting the east side of the Town Hall property in suggesting removal of obstacles, fences and bushes that are unsightly and providing for a stone dust path off the driveway completely back to Route 1.

Some directional arrow signs are on order from East Coast Signs to be used in conjunction with our Greenway signs to point the way. DPW will install when received.

Clinton Families Helping Families would like to have a kickoff event behind Town Hall to commemorate the opening of the Clinton Greenway some time after school is over. We can make bikes available to those who need them. A bike safety check and road safety will be our emphasis. Niko was asked if he could help out if he was available.

The Eagle Scout project of a kiosk (similar to the one on the Madison Greenway near Liberty Street) to be placed at Town Beach is still being worked out. Approval has been given, funds will be raised for this purpose. Another idea for the Greenway is a trailside bike tool station (pump and captivated bike tools) if another scout project is desired.

The Clinton Greenway Trail has been nominated for state recognition. The application is in and the results will be made known after their next meeting (in May).

BPAC funds We have some money in the PayPal account and some in the checking account. More money will be required to purchase the stone dust desired to complete the work on the east side of Town Hall where the Greenway will exit the Eliot Preserve and run parallel to the driveway back out to Route 1.

Change in venue for future BPAC meetings The Eliot House sustained damage this past winter from frozen pipes which failed and thousands spent repairing the damage. As a result, it is not available for multiple users for meeting space. We discussed the possibility of continuing to use the Green room, and request use by scheduling it each month, or use the Periodical Room at the Hull Library. The library seemed preferable. Niko mentioned the Fire House across the street may be available on Wednesdays. Brian Manware will be contacted to see if this is a possibility.

Motion to adjourn by Paul, second by Hal. Meeting adjourned approximately 8:00 pm

minutes by Paul Egan 4/26/2019