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Minutes of Nov. 2, 2009

ABAC Meeting Minutes for the November meeting, November 2, 2009. (Approved May 3, 2010)

Board members present were Jack Johnson, Christopher Tonkin, Ron Sender, Ted Packard and Scott Smith; and Joey Glushko.

The meeting was called to order at 7:40.

Minutes of the October meeting were accepted as amended It was decided that ABAC would submit minutes and agendas via the link at the top of the town web page.

A vote was taken to create a sub committee to review bylaws and mission statement including terms of office, rotation of chairman, and whether there should be expansion of the ABAC board from 7 to 9 members. Suggested members of the sub committee were Michael (Mick) Beck, Jeff Roth, Ron Sender, and Christopher Tonkin. The full ABAC board will review the report from the sub committee before submitting the proposed changes to the Selectman.

There was discussion about creating a long term bicycling plan for Arlington. This plan would include Schools, Routes, Roads, Trail Connections, Etc. There was discussion of getting a grant to fund the creation of the plan.

ABAC report for annual town meeting. Jack will send around previous years report. Report is needed in the February / March time frame and should be submitted by early January.

There was discussion about fixing the gap in the bike path in Arlington center. ABAC supports fixing the gap in the long term. In the mean time ABAC supports increased signage that riding is not permitted on the sidewalk. Discussion on fixing the crossing was tabled until the next meeting. It is expected this will be addressed in the next phase of the Mass Ave project.

Scott submitted a diagram and reported on a meeting about bicycle pedestrian improvements at Alewife station.

Joey said the installation of the bike racks has been finished. Scott said he had used two of them. The committee thanked Joey for her work on the racks.

It was decided that there would be an ABAC meeting 1st Monday in August 2010 The meeting was adjourned at 9:22.

Minutes submitted by Ted Packard.

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