



Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, October 16th, 2024.

Time: 7:15 PM – 9:15 PM.

Location: Conducted via Remote Participation (Zoom).

Minutes

Attendees:

- Executive Committee: Christopher Tonkin., Adam MacNeill., Scott Smith., Jack Johnson., Linda Epstein., Muris Kobaslija.
- Town of Arlington: John Alessi.
- Members of the Public: Anton Rapetov., Laurie Bogdan., Jonah Goska., Matthew De Remer., Katie Luczai., Ben Stranges., Len Greenberg., Andrew Greenspon., Vincent Baudoin.

1. Introductions.

All attendees introduced themselves, including new members and guests.

2. Approval of Outstanding Minutes.

Christopher Tonkin mentioned that he had sent around minutes from a tri-town meeting and the previous month's meeting. However, due to some confusion about which minutes had been distributed, the approval was postponed to the next meeting. Christopher will resend the minutes for review before the November meeting.

3. Art on the Bikeway: Bikeway Bridge Painting, Katie Luczai Economic Development Coordinator Town of Arlington and Laurie Bogdan (similar to the [Utility Box Program](#)).

Katie Luczai, Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of Arlington, and Laurie Bogdan from Arts Arlington presented a proposal to paint concrete end posts on three bridges in the Heights section of the Bikeway. Key points:

- The project aims to beautify the area and potentially slow down traffic.
- Professional artists would be commissioned for the work.
- Painting would occur in spring 2025, during non-peak hours and with safety measures in place.

- The committee expressed strong support for the idea.

A motion to support the project was proposed by Christopher Tonkin and seconded by Adam MacNeill. The committee members unanimously approved the motion.

4. Report from COBWEB Officer.

No COBWEB officer was present at the meeting.

5. Applications to ABAC for the open position on the Board.

Several attendees expressed interest in the open position:

- Anton Rapetov
- Jonah Goska
- Matthew De Remer
- Ben Stranges
- Andrew Greenspon
- Len Greenberg

The committee will discuss the applications further at the next meeting, with the aim to propose a candidate to the select board before the end of the year.

6. TAC Report.

Scott Smith reported on cycling-relevant items from the recent TAC meeting:

- New Bluebikes stations
- Replacing the bridge by Alewife (delayed due to MBTA discussions)
- Removing 30 mph speed limits and reverting to the town default of 25 mph on Broadway and Park Avenue

7. Town Day Debrief.

Christopher Tonkin noted that it was a wet and miserable day but thanked everyone for participating. A town member commented on the need for traffic calming measures at the Water Street bike crossing.

8. Bikeway Block Party Debrief in Lexington Update.

The event was deemed successful. Key points:

- Scheduled for the second Sunday in September next year
- Potential conflict with Arlington Town Day
- Suggestion to involve Arlington's arts community and local businesses
- Possible confluence with Spy Pond Day

9. Bike Rack Expansion Project Update.

John Alessi provided an update:

- A grant was received to expand bike racks in Arlington
- Working with a high school intern on existing conditions
- A presentation on the proposal is planned for the December meeting
- Considerations for cargo bike parking were discussed

10. Broadway Bike Lanes.

Vincent Baudoin presented a draft idea for short-term improvements on the eastern end of Broadway. Next steps include a parking study and potential consultant engagement for design work.

11. Working Party on Bikeway Bylaws Update.

Scott Smith put something quickly for the town day, perhaps the first thing is to ensure to put what is currently in effect as the speed limit is not generally endorsed by APD.

Scott Smith mentioned the need to clarify and enforce current rules, particularly regarding speed limits.

John Alessi did not hear back from town manager on more rigorous enforcement of the current rules, he will follow up again.

12. Working Party on Bikeway Courtesy Signage Update.

Jack Johnson proposed replicating some of Lexington's bikeway courtesy signs. The town manager's office is generally supportive, and John Alessi will work with DPW on logistics.

13. Planning Department Updates from John.

John Alessi provided updates on various projects:

- New Bluebikes stations
- Park Avenue design project
- Mystic-Minuteman project
- Broadway redesign
- Capital planning requests for roadway repaving

14. Next meetings:

Scheduled for November 20th and December 18th, 2024.

15. Any other business.

Christopher Tonkin mentioned a recent incident where two people were hit in a crosswalk on Mass Ave in Lexington.

Adjourned.