



BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, February 19, 2026 **TIME:** 6:30 PM

PLACE: Town Offices **ADDRESS:** 50 Billerica Road **ROOM:** 200

Meeting Minutes

Members Attending: D. Antonelli, K. Baxter, M. Carignan, R. Klinkhammer, S. Maggio, R. Schneider

Members Absent: J. Haouchine, J. Warhurst

Public Present: D. Chandler, E. Hill

Meeting called to Order at 6:30 PM by the Chair, R. Klinkhammer.

6:30 Introduction of New Committee Member

- K. Baxter was introduced as a new committee member.

6:35 Public Input

- E. Hill raised concerns regarding the rail trail crossing at Golden Cove Road after observing a bicyclist cross without stopping. The bicyclist believed it was the responsibility of cars to stop.
- E. Hill proposed a concept observed in New Zealand called a “guard,” a physical barrier designed to slow trail users and encourage stopping before crossings. The committee agreed to add this location and concept to the list of questions for DPW.

6:45 Announcements

- An email from J. Warhurst clarified that the porta potty at Cushing Place was accidentally removed and could not be replaced due to snow conditions. The Town has no issue with year-round placement provided units remain accessible and maintained. The committee will decide seasonally whether removal is appropriate.
- J. Dave has been removed from the list of elected and appointed officials by the Town Clerk, as the member was not sworn in.
- The Chelmsford Town Center Master Plan Implementation Committee will host a workshop at the Chelmsford Public Library on February 26 regarding revitalization of Chelmsford Street.
- The Chelmsford Volunteer Fair will take place on March 28 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. M. Carignan made a motion for BPAC to participate; seconded by S. Maggio. Motion carried. Participation details will be discussed at the March meeting.

7:00 Approval of Meeting Minutes from Regular Session on January 16, 2026

- A motion to approve the minutes from January 16, 2026 as amended was made by R. Schneider and seconded by M. Carignan. Motion carried.

7:15 Update Trail Safety Concerns (R. Klinkhammer)

- N/A

7:30 Discussion on additional uses for BPAC website (J. Warhurst)

- J. Warhurst proposed adding a recruitment post to the BPAC website to encourage new membership. The committee approved the addition.

7:40 Discussion on Adding Railroad Memorabilia on the BFRT in Chelmsford (R. Schneider)

- R. Schneider reported reaching out to C. Clancy, Director of DPW, regarding installation of a water station and placement of a railroad artifact at Carol Cleven Park. No response has been received.
- The committee discussed contacting the Water Department regarding the proposed water station.

7:50 Discussion on East Chelmsford Connector (R. Klinkhammer)

- D. Chandler requested BPAC endorsement for a plan to update the GLBPP by removing the former eastern route and replacing it with the East Chelmsford Connector as the preferred alignment.
- A motion to endorse the plan was made by S. Maggio and seconded by K. Baxter. Motion carried.
- Discussion also included access constraints near Canal Street off Riverneck Road, where the public way transitions to private property after approximately 460 feet. Further investigation is needed.

8:00 Questions for DPW

- The committee reviewed and updated the list of questions and suggestions for DPW. R. Klinkhammer will circulate the revised list to members.

8:30 Updates

- LRTA Advisory Board (J. Warhurst)
 - o N/A
- BPAC DPW (S. Maggio)
 - o S. Maggio will invite DPW Director C. Clancy to attend the March meeting.
- Trail Maintenance Program (R. Schneider)
 - o No updates; trail conditions are snow-covered.
- BPAC Account Status (J. Warhurst)
 - o \$1,278.84
- BPAC email report (R. Klinkhammer)
 - o One email received from E. Hill, discussed earlier.

8:55 Future Meeting Dates and New Agenda Items

- N/A

8:55 Adjournment

- R. Schneider made a motion to adjourn. D. Antonelli seconded. Motion carried.