Cambridge Pedestrian Committee

Meeting Minutes: **22 October 2015**

**Attendees:** Cara Seiderman, Debby Galef, Sean Pierce, Bill Dwyer, Matt Nelson, Dana Benjamin, Magda McCormick

I. **Agenda Review, Minutes** (June and September minutes reviewed, but with no quorum present, minutes were not approved.)

II. **Citywide Snow Recap 2015, Bill Dwyer (DPW)**
Presentation created for City Council including historic data, statistics, procedures and challenges.

III. **Updates**
A. DPW Updates (B. Dwyer, handout attached below)
B. Infrastructure Projects
C. Planning Board letter: Re: MIT South of Main St. Special Permit #303
   Draft reviewed and edited to convey best recommendations and advice of committee
D. Updates: More members need to be appointed to the committee

IV. **Committee Planning for Year:** Potential projects
A. Cambridge Pedestrian Plan: time for review? Create strategic plan? await City Master Plan and dovetail with our mission
B. Themed Walks: ideas, dates
C. Identify specific pedestrian issues around City
D. Each member serves as liaison to various ongoing projects/groups:
   DCR, Safe Routes To School, Grand Junction Rail Trail, Planning Board Review, Kendall Square, No. Mass Ave. project, Greenough Boulevard

IV. **Announcements**

   Nov. 19th: Monthly Meeting

   Dec. 17th: Monthly Meeting
Announcements

There is a shortage of police details because of milling and paving operations. Please be sure to set-up your work zones so that they work without a detail. Please call the detail office BEFORE noon on Fridays.

Beacon Street, Somerville – paving scheduled for October 18-19.

City Election November 3rd – please be mindful working in and around schools which are usually polling places.

Reminder: As of Monday, September 21st all new permits will need to be submitted online at http://permits.cambridgema.gov/CAPSite/Public/Main. You will need to “register” first if you have not done so before. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact the Permit Desk at 617-349-4833 or Rob Linke at rlinke@cambridgema.gov. Please see the attached instructions for applying online. Please wait for email with approved permit before starting work.

City Projects

**Huron A Project (Gioioso)**
Larch @ Fresh Pond Pkwy – paving
Vassal @ Lakeview - paving

**Huron B Project (Barletta)**
Vassal Lane – prepping for paving (Alpine – Reservoir & Fayerweather-Saville) – paving Thursday

Appleton – catch basin

Vassal Lane – illicits

Hoods & back of sidewalk work – project wide

*** Must pave trenches by the end of the day Friday

**Concord Ave Project (Gioioso)**

Concord Ave (Walden- Alpine) – full depth

Saville – sidewalk work

Concord Ave – sidewalk work next week (Walden – Alpine)

**New Street & Concord Lane (Barletta)**

Concord Lane - drainage

**Western Ave Project (D’Allessandro)**

Green Street parking lot – sidewalk work along parking lot

Raising castings for paving

Paving – TBD this week

**Binney Street Project (Gilbane/Derenzo)**

270 Third St – Binney St lane closure

**Chapter 90 – Contract 16 (Marchese)**

Second St sidewalk work @ Gore @ Hurley @ Charles

Paving next week Wednesday - Friday

**Chapter 90 – Contract 17 (D’Allessandro)**

Amory St – sidewalk work

Sherman St – water work Sherman @ Walden

**Chapter 90 – Contract 18 (D’Allessandro)**
Prep for paving on Friday (10/23) Kinnaird, Putnam, Magee, Hayes

**Misc. Sidewalk Contract (Deroma)**
Cogswell Ave
Fainwood Circle

**Misc. Patch Contract**
Paving this week:
Blackstone St (Western-River)
Ballard Place (Putnam-Montague)
Bellevue Ave (Raymond-dead end)
Temple St (Bishop Allen – Mass Ave)
Eighth St (Cambridge-Spring)

**MLK School**
Magee St – crane
Putnam Ave – raised crosswalk

**Longfellow Bridge Project**
M-F – overnight closures

**Main Street – Kendall Sq. (Newport)**
Sidewalks at Ames St; northside sidewalks; southside brick base
Light poles on north side
Wire pull for pedestrian lights

**Grand Junction Project (Mattuchio)**
Traffic signal swap
Curb on Main St & Broadway
Paving on-site
Cambridge Common Project (Newport)
Paving paths on Garden St side to 1000 island entrance
Cobblestone strip along Mass Ave
brick @ monument
granite paving along pathways

Harvard Sq./Waverly Path (Newport)
MT Auburn St – bus stop work; line striping this week at night
Portland Loo – mobilizing this week
Eversource Elec – Mass Ave @ Garden St

Memorial Drive (Newport)
Tree protection this week
Staging area at Endicott St

City Departments

Cambridge Water Department
Hudson St & Martin St & Bowdoin St - final tie-in’s
Trowbridge St (Trowbridge Place – Harvard St) - services

Cambridge Traffic Department
Line painting at night on Mass Ave @ Walden St
Striping ends beginning of November

Coordination with Traffic Dept on all pavement markings at least 1 week in advance

Contact: Dana Benjamin at dbenjamin@cambridgema.gov or 617.349.4729
University Projects

Harvard

Putnam House – water connection for 69 Brattle St – starting Monday 10/26

MIT

Façade repairs – State St, Brookline St @ Waverly, Vassar St, 301 Vassar St
Nano Project – no work in right of way
Vassar Street Steam – trench work
8 Carlton St – hauling in fill
Albany St – no work

Utility Companies

Eversource Gas (Kieran O'Flaherty or Richard Dell'Isola)
80 Howard St
Richdale Ave
255 Garden St

Eversource Electric (Bill Zamparelli 617.369.5532)
Education Way
81 Mt Auburn St – vault work- needs outage
Fulkerson St – outage
New St – new poles are set – confirmation this week
Lakeview Ave – outage
300 Mass Ave

338 Western Ave – traffic control cabinet

Longfellow Bridge – manhole

**Comcast** (Anthony Vatalaro)

Portland @ Washington – trench work

17-41 Brattle St @ Church St

1924 Mass Ave – trench on Porter Rd

**Verizon** (Matthew King 781.376.8172)

Binney St

5 Temple St

Cambridge @ Warren

1801 Mass Ave


**Crown Castle** (Peter Szczepanik 781-626-0351)

Harvard St @ Ellery St

Putnam Ave @ Flagg St – complete by Wednesday


**Private Development Projects**

**100 Binney Street (Moriarty)**

Linskey Way – Lane closure

**7 Temple Street**

Sidewalk work – 2 weeks

Concrete placement
185 Albany Street
Sewer connection next week

240 Sidney Street
Allston @ Grove – full depth and water cut/cap

180 Windsor Street (CHA)
Washington St – sewer and drain tie-in’s

181 Mass Ave
Osbourne St – hydrant/sewer work; binder Friday
Albany St – crane work
Mass Ave – drain work; mill 10/26, pave 10/30

300 Mass Ave
Blanche St – resurface
Green St – paving Monday 10/19

367 Harvard Street
NOT PRESENT

112/114 Mt Auburn Street
Paving complete

115 Mt Auburn Street
Postponed till spring

80 Sparks Street
Mill and pave next week
Cut and cap drain line

1868 Mass Ave
Upland Rd – sidewalk closed
Site excavation
1924 Mass Ave (Porter Hotel)
Comcast & Verizon – trench work
Eversource Elec – not approved at Pole & Conduit
Porter Rd - sidewalks

1971 Mass Ave
All work on site; prefab units in December

165 Cambridge Park Drive
Paving Friday 10/23 – notifications to abutters

Special Events

Saturday, October 24 – Jimmy Fallon Parade – Quincy Sq, Dunster, Mt Auburn to Lampoon

Saturday, October 25 – Park Openings – Cronin & McElroy, Hurley Street

Sunday, October 25 – Superhero 5k Race – Sidney St, Albany St, Mass Ave, Putnam Ave, Brookline St, Franklin St

Sunday, October 25 – Kidney Walk - Northpoint