

**Waban Area Council
Meeting Minutes
June 14 2018 7:30pm**

Members of WAC Present: Rena Getz, Patrick Maher, Katherine Winters, Chris Pitts, Dinah Bodkin, Bob Jampol.

City Councilor Present: John Rice

Members of Public Present: Judi Burten, Bill Humphrey, Qingli Jiang, Deena David, Alan Noguee, Barbara Darnell, Carol Todreas.

Burning Issues from the Community Judi Burten: Two incidents of thumb tacks placed sharp end up in bike lane on Winchester St. JR: Mayor's office and Newton police are working on this serious problem-who is doing this and how to make sure the incident is not repeated.

Cold Spring Park Trail Alan Noguee: Trail is dangerously deteriorated at this point. Responsibility of Parks and Recreation; they agreed to replace exercise equipment. Alan has started a petition calling for upgrading and better maintenance of the trail, which, it was generally agreed, may result in Parks and Recreation paying more attention to the problem. KW offered to have petition included in next email blast sent out by WAC.

Update on Zervas Traffic Calming JR: Speeding occurs on Beethoven and Allen Ave. Can not add speed bumps because this would slow fire trucks. DPW considering "bump out" where Pine Ridge Rd meets Allen Ave.

Marijuana Dispensary Two potential medical marijuana dispensaries at sites of former restaurants South Pacific and Green Tea. Both would eventually become recreational dispensers as well. KW: Committee has approved ballot initiative which would prohibit recreational marijuana being sold in Newton. Also in committee is a potential ballot initiative to limit number of stores in Newton selling recreational marijuana. Topic is on June 16th City Council agenda.

Zoning Reform Update RG: New zoning maps will be presented in July identifying "context based areas." What is currently in a given zone will determine what can be built in that zone going forward. Massing will be determinant, rather than straight measurements. Building placement, rather than straight setbacks will be a determinant. A memo addressing current issues will be put up on WAC website under Zoning.

Announcements: Tour de Newton Sunday June 17 9-10:30. Clearing of invasive species with Friends of Quinobequin this Sunday 9:30 DCR pkg lot.

Meeting adjourned 9pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Dinah Bodkin