



## Arlington Bicycle Advisory Committee

Date: Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Time: 7:00PM – 9:00 PM.

Location: Conducted via Remote Participation (Zoom).

### Minutes

#### Attendees:

- Executive Committee: Christopher Tonkin (Chair), Matthew De Remer (taking notes), Len Greenberg, Anton Rapetov, Jack Johnson, Linda Epstein, (absent: Scott Smith)
- Town of Arlington: Officer T J Kelly (Arlington Police), Lt. John Kelly (Arlington Police)
- Members of the Public: Roderick Holland, Ross Doty (EverSource), Jason Wright (Eversource), Stephan Miller, Michael Schneider

#### 1. Introductions

All attendees introduced themselves.

#### 2. Approval of Outstanding Minutes

Previous minutes were not approved.

#### 3. Rotation of note-takers scheduled for upcoming meetings:

Jack will take October minutes, Anton will take November minutes.

#### 4. Report from COBWEB Officer

Officer TJ Kelly reported that APD had dealt with issues on the MMBW near the Lexington line. Officer Kelly and Lt. Kelly have been researching enforcement around e-bikes.

Christopher mentioned that a Tri-town meeting has been suggested for October since Lexington has also been getting complaints around e-bikes. It was suggested that this be a non-quorum meeting with police attendance.

Stephan has seen lots of complaints on the website around speed and e-bikes.

Lt. John Kelly will get ABAC pamphlets for town day at town day. Operations plans do not include additional bike parking. Katy Luzai arranged additional bike parking for 250 celebrations.

**5. TAC report Christopher reporting on behalf of Scott.**

We'll be sharing a table with TAC. We'll have the lights from MassBike to hand out.

**6. Eversource Energy; work planned in Arlington.  
(<https://www.eversource.com/content/residential/about/transmission-distribution/projects/underground-cable-modernization>).**

Ross (ross.doty@eversource.com) is in charge of community project engagement. Eversource needs to replace the line between North Cambridge and Woburn that currently runs through Arlington underground. It will be a significant trenching process to remove and replace the line. Preferred route closely matches the current route (Broadway-Warren-Mystic). An alternate route has been laid out (Mystic Valley Parkway) through Medford.

Eversource was asked to consider bicycle safety with road patching and during construction.

The construction timeline is currently 2028 to 2033

Eversource will most likely be responsible for final refinishing and restriping

They will submit their plan to their state regulator late this year, but it might be early next year.

**7. The striping of the two roundabouts either side of the Mystic at the end of Medford Street/High Street Medford.**

DCR sent plans to Arlington and Medford, but it never went to ABAC or Medford Bike Committee.

ABAC supports adding sharrows to resolve the confusing restriping at the rotaries.

Anton volunteered to attend the Medford meeting on Sep 24. Christopher will meet with the Town Manager to discuss it.

**8. Work on the Bikeway, lane markings, root heaves, signs, path to Arlington High School etc.**

Courtesy signs were purchased and are in hand. It's on the DPW to install. We need better communication with DPW. Christopher will bring up with Town Manager.

## **9. Planning for Town Day.**

Please sign up so that at least 1 ABAC person is at the table at all times.

## **10. Report on the Bikeway Block Party, next year, apply for grants?**

It was a great event. We had hundreds of attendees this year. The Uncle Sam area was a little too small for demos. Next year perhaps we would start earlier and stop later and have everyone at Whittemore Park. If it happens next year we should try to get more venues and get Parks and Rec committee on board early. Likewise, we should apply for grants.

## **11. Hills Hill report on the opening of the new mountain bike park.**

It opened earlier this month and it looks really cool.

Matt volunteered pass along any information that NEMBA provides around maintenance.

## **12. ABAC in a post John Alessi world.**

Many people expressed thanks and appreciation for John. It's not immediately clear who our new contact is since no new person has been hired.

## **13. Bike parking plans at Ottoson School.**

There have been complaints that there is insufficient parking at Ottoson. Christopher will continue to monitor the situation.

## **14. Any other business.**

Discussion about safety around new high school connection to MMBW and ensuring that its implemented well.

Unanimous vote to form an e-bike working group – Chris, Matt, Anton, Lt Kelly and Ofc Kelly – to have a tri-town meeting with Bedford and Lexington.

## **15. Adjourn.**