

Brookline Bicycle Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Town Hall, Room 408, or Hybrid via Zoom

Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Members:

Jan Preheim – Chair

Toby Sillman – Vice Chair

Todd MacFadden – Secretary

Mrudula Donepudi

Anthony Ishak

Robert Miller

Jonathan Zoll

Call to Order: 7:05 p.m.

Committee Members Present for Entire Meeting: Todd MacFadden, Jan Preheim, Toby Sillman (remote), Robert Miller, Anthony Ishak

Committee Members Present for Part of the Meeting: Mrudula Donepudi (arrived approximately 7:40 p.m.; present through adjournment); Jonathan Zoll (remote, 7:00 p.m. to approximately 8:00 p.m.)

1. Vote on Final Draft Transportation Board Harvard Street Memorandum — Passed

Roll Call Vote:

Jan Preheim – Yes

Toby Sillman – Abstain

Todd MacFadden – Yes

Mrudula Donepudi – Not present for vote

Anthony Ishak – Yes

Robert Miller – No

Jonathan Zoll – Yes

Motion carried, 4–1–1 (1 not present).

2. Brookline Avenue Mill and Overlay Overview — Robert Guptill

Guptill shared that the Brookline Avenue project will be delayed until 2028 due to utility companies needing to complete major work along the road.

There was a brief discussion of the two-way cycle track beginning at Aspinwall Avenue. Concern was expressed about the bicycle connection at the southern end of Brookline Avenue, where cyclists approaching Route 9 are directed into the travel lane. There was also discussion of the

potential to improve the Muddy River path connection from Brookline Avenue near Netherlands Road.

There was agreement to move the fuller Brookline Avenue discussion to a later date, given that the project will not be completed until 2028.

3. Carlton and Colchester Bike and Pedestrian Improvements — Robert Guptill

Guptill presented planned improvements at Carlton and Colchester, including a raised bike lane, a rapid flashing beacon for the crosswalk, and raised crosswalks. The BAC expressed appreciation for the enhanced bicycle safety.

A member suggested a bicycle rack near the Colchester pedestrian/bike bridge. The suggestion was forwarded to the engineers for their consideration. No vote was taken.

4. Chestnut Hill Avenue Update — Robert Guptill

Guptill outlined three options for bike lane configurations on Chestnut Hill Avenue. The committee reviewed each option, including connections between Brookline and Boston at Cleveland Circle and Route 9, where consideration is needed for bicycle safety at the ends of the corridor.

Floating bus/bike lanes, pedestrian bulb-outs and crossings, and parking were discussed in relation to the three options. No vote was taken.

5. Brief Member Updates

On his last day on the BAC, the committee recognized Toby Sillman for his service to the Bicycle Advisory Committee and his advocacy for bicycle safety in Brookline and neighboring communities.

Sergeant Keaveney shared the summer crash report: 12 total incidents, including 5 in the Coolidge Corner area. This was an increase from the previous year but similar to the 2024 total.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 pm