

**BRSBC DRAFT MINUTES (via Zoom)**  
**August 24, 2023**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & MINUTES**

- The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01am
- Members present: George Parsons (Arlington), Richard Canale (Lexington), Andrew Glass (Lincoln), Beth Williams (Concord), Nancy Nelson, Chair (Concord), Josh Levin (MassDOT/Dist 4), Jane Herlacher (Lincoln), Bob Domnitz (Lincoln)
- The Minutes of the July 27,2023 meeting were approved

**2. UPDATES**

Projects – 128 Bridge Replacement - Mr. Levin (JL) reported that work was underway w/baselines being established, job trailer expected next week along w/tree clearing, erosion control to follow. Estimated completion date: 10.8.2027. Route: Rte 2A project - Ms. Nelson (NN) noted that this project has been separated into “Safety” and “Federal Aid”. The Federal Aid part will be delayed until after 2026 while the Safety work will proceed asap.

Byway Signage – Mr. Canale (RC) noted that he needed Committee support in order to discuss possible funding w/elected officials about. Beth Williams (BW) moved to authorize RC to have preliminary discussions w/State Senator for Byway signage. VOTED - All 4 towns voted in favor.

250<sup>th</sup> Activities – Arlington - next 250<sup>th</sup> meeting will be August 30; \$50K has been allocated (\$25K town funds and & \$25K from the state). Lexington is in conversation re: a memorial; work continues on the town center w/a roundabout which is expected to be completed soon. Lincoln – initial meetings held w/more to come following summer break. Concord - plans for a permanent memorial in the town center are underway; funding: \$500K ARPA + \$200K which towns received earlier; public art installation next fall (MAPC grant), and a podcast this fall w/Freedom’s Way

BRSB Website - RC and NN are researching how it works, how to update and how to restore access and have been in contact w/SelbertPerkins and Al Avery (who is still hosting). RC summarized the initial efforts and what is needed now - specifically, people w/WordPress experience and perhaps some funding from the towns.

## **2.ELECT (VICE CHAIR)**

The election was postponed to allow more members to participate at the next meeting.

## **4. MEMBER UPDATES**

Arlington's popular Beer Garden event will end in September. Lexington's new Police Station is progressing; a town proposal to place solar panels over the farmer's market space is creating some controversy. Lincoln is active planning for consideration of Housing Choice zoning (w/focus at Lincoln Station and perhaps Battle Road Farms. Concord is considering MBTA Communities overlays with a broad outreach to all stakeholders. Marcia Rasmussen (Planning & Land Management) retired after 30+ years of service w/the town.

Next meeting: NN suggested September 28 at 10:00am if there is specific business to discuss – especially the next grant opportunity. All agreed to meet when there was relevant business to consider.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jane Herlacher requested the last FHWA letter and DOT's plans for separating the 2A project into separate 'Safety' and 'Federal Aid' work. NN will forward these to Jane.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:44 am

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