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Alewife Working Group, Meeting 02
06/14/2016
Cambridge Water Department

Committee Attendees

Geoff Wood, William Ahern, Eric Grunebaum, Margaret Gadon, Karen Dumaine, John DiGiovanni, Jennifer Gilbert, Sam Stern, Doug Brown, Margaret Drury, Mark DiOrio

Staff/Utile Present

Staff: Stuart Dash, Melissa Peters, Gary Chan
Utile: Tim Love, Meera Deean, Magdalena Valenzuela

Committee Members Absent

Catherine Connolly, James Butler, Tom Ragno

No attendees from the public.

Meeting Overview

- Presentation from consultant on past plans and key challenges and opportunities for Alewife study area (available [here](#))
- Discussion

Discussion Comments

- Vehicular and multi-use bridge instead of a pedestrian bridge
- Quadrangle's ownership problem has improved over the years, but there is still a challenge about patterns of ownership
- One company owns 27 acres around Jerry's Pond.
- Can blocks be broken up via eminent domain?
- Commercial developments will attract more cars and traffic compared to residential developments
- Need more vehicular connection between Quadrangle and Triangle
- Commuter rail stop makes more sense if there is more commercial development
- Need more active ground floor uses
- The plan needs to create a place where retail wants to be in
- Since 2013, ~ 98% of new development are residential projects
- Maps should include area to the north of Alewife Reservation in future maps