

TRAFFIC AND SIDEWALK COMMITTEE (TSC) MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 13, 2020 at 7:00PM  
Via Zoom

Committee Members Attending:

Jay Doyle (Chair), Tom Benson, Andrew Chase, Richard Gula,

Ex Officio Members Attending:

Steve Fogg (Town Engineer), Captain Tom Kelly (Weston Police Dept.)

Public Attending: Members of the public attended the zoom call, attendance was not taken.

1. Introductions of the Members of the Committee:

2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting/posting of old minutes/assign someone to take minutes

- The December 16, 2020 minutes were approved, unanimously.
- Tom Benson volunteered to take the minutes for tonight's meeting.

3. Letters and emails from the public:

- Kristin Barbieri – 20 Gun Club Lane. Concerned with parking on Gun Club Lane. Currently 6 spaces for parking but seem to be very popular for access to the Rail Trail. When the lane is parked on both sides, the largest Fire Truck cannot pass. Weston Forest and Trail is adjusting signage on the lane. Will provide 10 parking spaces. Would like signs on the South side of the street to prohibit parking.
- Barry – signs from the Police Dept have been very helpful; but parking is still a problem.
- Rebekah Lord Gardiner – possible opportunity to put together a map of acceptable parking. Parking is a concern for the neighborhood for anything beyond the 5 that have historically been there.
- Mong-Yu Blancha 52 Gun Club Lane – noted that on the rail trail website specifically denotes that Gun Club lane is not for rail trail access. However, there is a “P” on the XX map.
- Kara Fleming – has witnessed the parking issue with people parking all the way up to Warren Avenue. People are parking in between the “Do Not Park” cones. Perhaps boulders would be more of a deterrent than signs.
- Steve Fogg noted that there has been no DPW activity on this issue at Gun Club Lane to date. Captain Kelly said it is tough to enforce because there are no permanent “no parking” signs or striping for parking. So far, the temporary signs have not been able to contain the situation. People just park beyond the signs.
- Annette Somers – 6 Conant Road – no crosswalk in front of the Town Hall. Must jaywalk to get to Town Hall.

4. Updates on active Walkway/Sidewalk projects

- Ash Street – Sidewalk funding – CPC funding applications
  - CPC is a significant source of funding for the sidewalk projects. This section of the Ash street sidewalk will connect on the south with the reservoir and on the north with the Legacy trail. Project construction costs are approximately \$400k. Project could start after July 1, 2021 assuming approval of CPC funds in spring 2021. Project is being completed by the DPW in-house. Some new survey data is being shared with the utility companies in the hopes of getting them to move some poles to allow the sidewalk to be routed efficiently.

- Public comments for CPC funds – none
- Chair, Jay Doyle, moved to have the committee prepare and submit an application for the CPC for FY2022 – motion passed unanimously.
- Highland Street Crosswalks at Highland Meadows
  - The residents of Highland Meadows have been provided a draft plan of the crosswalks to review. DPW has received comments back from Highland Meadows. The DPW is reviewing the comments. Steve Fogg will report back at next month’s TS&C meeting.

#### 4. Other updates

- Rte. 20 @ Wellesley Street / Boston Post Road
  - MassDOT has completed its review of the 25% design submittal and provided comments and suggestions about the project. The design consultant VHB is reviewing the MassDOT comments and working with DPW to develop responses. Steve believes the MassDOT design public meeting will be held in the next couple of months.
- Rte. 117 @ Merriam / Lincoln Streets –
  - The design consultant Howard Stein Hudson (HSH) has been directed to develop a pavement marking plan, however because of the colder weather it is now too late in the year to complete the pavement markings. DPW has asked HSH to use the extra time to fine tune the pavement marking plan and signage type and location, particularly the stop signs and lines on the Merriam and Lincoln Street approaches.
  - From a comment received in email, Steve investigated the possibility of moving the Speed Limit sign (West of Merriam Street) to a position East of Merriam. Hopefully, moving the 40MPH Speed Limit sign on the other side of the intersection will moderate speed through the intersection. This option is under consideration at the DPW.
- Rte. 30 Reconstruction Project –
  - The 25% design plans as submitted to MassDOT are on the town website, and those plans are currently under review by MassDOT. MassDOT will, in the future, have a public hearing/meeting about the plans for everyone to discuss but it has not yet been scheduled. The comment period for MassDOT ends in early March.
  - Steve Brand 334 South Avenue – For Route 30 project, what is the timeframe estimated for shovels to hit the dirt – guess is that the start date would likely be at least 3 years out.
- Coordination with Weston Climate Action Plan
  - Tom Benson noted that there seemed to be a number of areas where we can coordinate with this group. This may help us in the preparation of the new five year plan. Steve Fogg suggested that we start with Imai Aiu, the Town Planner, to move forward with this.

Future meetings – February 10<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7PM