

Public Ways Safety Committee Minutes
Bolton, Massachusetts
August 24, 2022

Members present: Mary Ciummo, Steve McKeown, and Shandy Carpenter

Attendee: David Perry (Sugar Road)

The meeting was held online via Zoom and called to order at 7:16 p.m. The August 10, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Berlin/South Bolton intersection concern: Mary educated the group on the recent history of traffic calming efforts at the intersection and current line of sight concerns relative to recent resident concerns. Mary will review accident data and contact Chief Nelson regarding options.

Resident traffic concerns on Woobly Road: The committee does not have additional information or comments regarding Woobly Road speed limit reduction efforts initiated by resident, Gary Nelson. Mr. Nelson was informed of the process regarding speed limit change requests at the August 24 meeting.

Conservation parking issues on Green and Nourse Roads: The committee discussed continued parking at the intersection that may obstruct traffic and visibility. Randy Heglin provided interpretation of the 20' rule previously referenced. The 20' parking prohibition from an intersection is typically measured from the intersection of the 2 paved edges, negating any radius in the corner. It is not measured from the point of tangency. The sketch indicates cars are likely not breaking the rule at present. Mary spoke to Conservation Agent, Rebecca Longvall, who reported parking at soccer fields for connected trails and agreed with adding parking limitation information the Bolton trails website. Steve reported space for 2-3 cars at present. The committee had questions about how the approved sign on Green Rd may impact the parking rules. Mary will follow up with Chief Nelson and Randy Heglin.

Horse signs: The horse sign proposal was dropped at the request of resident Cindy Ayotte, who spearheaded the effort. Cindy indicated disagreement with the Conservation Agent, bridge disrepair and reduced need as reasons for withdrawing the request. The committee agreed that residents who submit sign requests will be instructed to build a community coalition prior to forwarding requests to Selectmen.

Mallard Lane sight distance issue: The committee discussed the Zoning Board of Appeals impending decision regarding the Comprehensive Permit for Mallard Lane, and the possibility of site distance mitigation including either a "blind driveway" or an "intersection warning" sign

on both approaches along South Bolton Road in a location acceptable to the Police Department and Department of Public Works. The possibility of requesting a speed study to reduce the line-of-sight distance by lowering the present speed limit is not being considered. The committee agreed that Randy Heglin and Chief Nelson are equipped to make the decision without further input from PWSC.

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. Minutes submitted Shandy Carpenter.