

Public Ways Safety Committee Minutes
Bolton, Massachusetts
October 13, 2022

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

The meeting was held online via Zoom and called to order at 7:04 p.m. The August 28, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Resident request for a 3-way stop at S. Bolton/Spectacle Hill intersection: Mary reported that resident Stan Smith submitted an online request for a three-way stop at the intersection of S. Bolton and Spectacle Hill Roads, as advised after his PWSC Committee presentation on Sept. 28. Mike commented on Stan's video, saying that the increased westbound traffic to Hudson evidenced multiple near misses. Mary read the MUTCD standards for stop sign placement and the Committee agreed that the combined traffic volume meets the stated threshold. Steve voiced concerns about the near proximity of resident driveways to the proposed signage. DPW Director, Randy Heglin has indicated that he does not object to the proposed sign placement and states that the brush clearing is temporarily on hold while a new operator is trained. The Committee tabled the vote to collect additional information, including an official response from Chief Nelson, who is out of town this week.

Update on moving yield sign at Berlin/South Bolton intersection and equipping it with flashing lights: Mary received a cost estimate from Randy Heglin for a flashing sign of \$1500-\$1900. DPW employee Donald Baum explained a blind curve is a reason for the current placement setback distance from the intersection.

Bolton impact from proposed Hudson 1.2 million sq. ft. distribution center:

The proposed warehouse at the former Intel site in Hudson is a subject of concern for Bolton residents, mainly related to the truck traffic volume and routing. Hudson residents have organized to voice concerns about traffic and noise/air pollution for neighborhood residents. The site is zoned for industrial use. The committee will continue to stay apprised of progress.

Meeting with Select Board October 13: The Committee will meet with Bolton Selectmen on October 13 at 7:20 as requested. Mary is preparing a presentation of 2022 agenda highlights.

PWSC budget planning: The DPW has contracted line painting for fog lines and center lines for ~ \$32k. The work has been on hold for two years due to pandemic-related delays.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Minutes submitted Shandy Carpenter.