

Public Ways Safety Committee Minutes
Bolton, Massachusetts
April 12, 2023

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

Guests present: Kathleen Andrews and Stephen Taylor, DPW Randy Heglin, and PC Warren Nelson

The meeting was held online via Zoom and called to order at 7:02 p.m.

March 8, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Hidden driveway sign request at 368 S. Bolton Road: Residents, Kathleen Andrews, and Stephen Taylor, amended their previous stop sign request to a blind driveway sign request. The sign is being requested due to increased traffic and travel speed on S. Bolton Rd., and a recent two car traffic accident on March 4, 2023, at the 368 S. Bolton Rd. driveway exit. The residents believe the area is thickly settled and shared their concerns about the 40-mph speed limit. The non-regulatory sign placement was unanimously approved by the Committee. Randy agreed to purchase and place a blind driveway sign at cost, billable to the Ms. Andrews and Mr. York. The residents are considering the offer.

S. Bolton/Spectacle Hill stop signs evaluation: The Select Board mandated trial period for three-way sign placement is nearing end. Chief Nelson reported 0 accidents and 0 significant violations at the intersection. Randy reported no new negative public feedback. The Committee approved the placement by unanimous vote. Randy will formally endorse the permanent sign placement to the Select Board.

Long Hill Road speeding issues and use of speed tables: Mike presented data and answered questions about speed table installations in Berlin. Randy discussed Town snowplow compatibility and offered to research regulatory policy and guidance regarding speed tables.

Complete Streets Prioritization Plan projects review: Mary detailed prioritized gaps in sidewalk continuity. Randy indicated the Houghton section will be completed. Randy explained how using CS increases regulation. Mary and Randy agreed to considering new CSPP.

Update on roundabout and other new projects: Randy reported the planned project is on hold due to increased construction cost, exceeding the funded budget. The Town is actively seeking additional State grant finding.

Traffic signals at Main/Wattaquodock backup concerns: Randy discussed morning traffic backups with an engineer. No additional action is being considered.

Meeting with Town Planner, Tod Miller: The Committee planned to discuss the previously compiled agenda on April 26.

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. Minutes submitted Shandy Carpenter.