

Public Ways Safety Committee Minutes
Bolton, Massachusetts
June 14, 2023

Members present: Mary Ciummo, Michael Keller, Sandy Carpenter, Steve McKeown.
Guest: Ted Barten.

The meeting was held online via Zoom and called to order at 7:00 p.m. The May 10, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

Follow-up of meeting with Town Planner: The Committee will follow Planning Board's agendas and look for future updates to Subdivision Rules and Regs.

Green Road safety concerns: Resident Ted Barten spoke of the safety concerns he had for pedestrians, HS track team runners, and cyclists on the section of Green Road from Vaughn Hill Road down to Main Street; particularly the section from the fire pond to the cemetery. He cited that driving over the speed limit, a blind curve, uneven terrain, large trees at the edge of pavement, and vegetation overgrowth does not allow enough time for a motor vehicle operator to slow down for pedestrians or cyclists. His recommendations were to trim back vegetation, remove three trees, and move fog lines in to create larger shoulders. The Committee validated his concerns, gave a history of past efforts at remediation, but stated that we are limited in what we can do. We recommended that he contact the HS Athletic Director with concerns for the safety of the track team runners and the Planning Board for tree removal. If warning signs are requested they are to be submitted to the Committee's online sign request form.

Request for No Parking Zone sign on Main Street: Mary notified the Committee that a no parking zone on the south side of Main Street from Wattaquodock Hill Rd. to the first lined parking space has been added to the no parking zone memo.

Main/Manor/Harvard intersections concern: The Committee recognizes that this is a dangerous intersection, but that the traffic lights at Main/Wattaquodock has staggered traffic such that there are better openings to make left hand turns onto Main Street. There was a discussion about not allowing left hand turns from Manor as well as making Manor a one-way street. Steve will contact Randy for his input.

Schedule meeting with Don Lowe: Don has scheduled meetings that will run to mid-August. We will try for a September meeting date.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. Minutes submitted Mary Ciummo