

Minutes
Public Ways Safety Committee
Bolton, Massachusetts
October 11, 2023

Members Present: Mary Ciummo, Mike Keller, and Shandy Carpenter

Guest: Kathleen Andrews

The minutes for September 27, were reviewed and approved.

Sign request for blind drive/bus stop ahead signs near 1009 Main Street

The committee discussed sign request submitted by the resident of 1009 Main St, comments from the Dee Bus Company driver, site line images from Google maps, and in-person observations. The committee voted to not approve sign placement, and recommended advising the resident regarding regulatory signage, and financial requirements for resident sign requests.

Town-wide 25 mph speed signs

Town-wide 25 MPH opt-in of Section 17C of Chapter 90 of the MGL is dated September 1, 2023. Stow Town Planner, Valerie Oorthuys recommended consulting with Town Planner and DPW for funding for signs through state grants. The committee will investigate current funding opportunities and speak with Town administrators Don Lowe, and Randy Heglin.

Policy for approval of hidden driveway signs

The committee discussed developing a policy for hidden driveway signs that includes information about regulatory/non-regulatory signs, and costs for materials and placement.

Berlin/S. Bolton Roads intersection concern

The committee visited the Berlin Road location, finding good visibility with no foliage issues. Current Mass DOT accident data was shared.

Master Plan public forum October 23

Bolton Master Plan forum to be held at Florence Sawyer School on October 23, 7-9 pm. Transportation goals include: Improve traffic flow through town to alleviate congestion, Improve multi-modal transportation facilities through town, Expand local and regional transportation options, and Implement energy efficient transportation infrastructure.

Schedule Meeting with Don Lowe

Meeting with Town Manager, Don Lowe as he is retiring in June. The committee plans to meet on October 24. Mary will draft a memo regarding town-wide 25 MPH.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Minutes submitted by Shandy Carpenter.