

Public Ways Safety Committee Minutes
Bolton, Massachusetts
December 13, 2023

Members present: Mary Ciummo, Michael Keller, Sandy Carpenter, Kathleen, Chris Strut.
Guest: Police Chief Warren Nelson.

The meeting was held online via Zoom and called to order at 7:05 p.m. The November 8, 2023 meeting minutes will be reviewed at the January 10th meeting.

The Committee met with Chief Nelson and discussed the following items:

- Townwide 25mph speed signs for thickly settled areas. The Committee informed the Chief of our efforts at identifying thickly settled areas in Bolton using GIS mapping. The Chief expressed concern for enforcement because vehicle operators won't know if they're in a thickly settled area, as well as contesting tickets in court. It was expressed that the signage may serve to encourage good driving behavior rather than enforcement. The Committee will reach out to the Stow Police Dept. for input on how, or if, they are enforcing these areas.
- S. Bolton/Berlin Roads intersection. Due to resident concerns about potential accidents, DPW has installed a second "Left turn must yield" sign closer to the approaching intersection. It was suggested by some Committee members that a centerline be painted to better define Berlin Road, or make the intersection a three-way stop. To resolve this oddly shaped fork in the road, Chief Nelson stated that the intersection needs to be redesigned, making it safer in the long run.
- Traffic calming: speed humps on Long Hill Road. Chief Nelson identifies Long Hill Road as a major cut through road with enforcement difficult due to not having a traffic enforcement officer position. He believes that speed humps would be a good traffic calming method to implement but doesn't see it happening for a while.
- Traffic issues. The Police Department has not recently received any issues.
- Town setup of WAZE account. The department has an account. When roads are closed due to repairs, the Chief can send in to WAZE alternate routes to alleviate traffic congestion.

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