

Minutes
Public Ways Safety Committee
Bolton, Massachusetts
November 8, 2023

Members Present: Mary Ciummo, Kathleen Andrews, Shandy Carpenter, Mike Keller, and Chris Strus.

The minutes for October 25th were reviewed and approved.

Review of meeting with Town Administrator

The Committee discussed the meeting with Don Lowe related to the 9/1/23 Town-wide 25 mph speed limit Opt-In of MGL Chapter 90, Section 17C, as well as current public works projects, public funding sources/awards, and business development. No new information was shared.

Town-wide 25mph speed signs for thickly settled areas

The Committee looked at the Mass GIS data/tools and MS Excel capabilities, to measure distances between dwellings and road lengths, and to calculate average distances to reliably gather data and calculate the thickly settled metric. The group is investigating the development/adoption of reliable methodology for calculating the State metric, and compiling policies related to outliers. Questions included: how to measure roads that are < ¼ mile in length (Bolton Woods Way), and whether to measure business districts with the thickly settled metric. Kathleen offered to contact Jesse Steadman, Assistant Town Planner for the town of Stow to request insight. The Committee discussed the need for a shred drive to compile maps and data.

Sign policy

Mary solicited comments regarding the development of a policy for hidden driveway signage requests, and informed the group that Randy Heglin will be pursuing MassDOT funding only for necessary signage included in the MassDOT Standard Signs Manual.

Wattaquodock Hill Road draft report

The group discussed current signage conditions at Wattaquodock Hill Road/Berlin Road, and new signage considerations with respect to left turning traffic.

Meeting with Police Chief Nelson December 13

The Committee put together a list of questions for Chief Nelson at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Shandy Carpenter.