Public Ways Safety Committee Minutes Bolton, Massachusetts December 11, 2019

Members present: Mary Ciummo, Leslie Breeze, Mike Keller, and Holly Lauer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. The minutes of November 13th were reviewed and approved. Mike signed the minutes of October 23rd.

2019 Moving Together Conference: Mike attended the 2019 Moving Together Conference in Boston. He shared several handouts on various topics (Complete streets, MassTrails Grants, Ride Match, transportation, design tools, Safe Routes to School) that he had collected at the conference. He attended sessions on Complete Streets funding and what comes next. The State granted 81% of all funds applied for. Timing is key for acceptance as the program runs out of money. It helps if projects are linked with senior housing or Safe Routes to School, as programs linked with senior mobility and safer routes to school are very often funded.

Mike also reports that the state will be doing congestion studies around the state. They are using technology to map out sidewalks. With the use of drones and slow moving vehicles they can use LIDAR (light detection and ranging technology) to update DOT sidewalk inventory data. They are also looking to use geofencing technology to develop Uber and Lyft pick-up and drop off areas.

Sign replacements: Leslie Breeze spoke with Leslie Caisse at DPW about providing a list of current signs on hand. We also question if the town will need to provide bike lane signs or if it is included in the current Main/Wattaquadock intersection project.

FY21 Budget: Budgets are due and we will be checking with Joe on what he will be submitting for line and signage needs.

Meeting with Police Chief Nelson: We will be meeting with the Chief on Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 10:30AM in the public safety building. Issues to discuss are: new officers, dedicated officer for speed, safe routes to school, traffic flow issues, accident data, any issues anticipated from Main/Wattaquadock construction.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Holly Lauer.