

**Public Ways Safety Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**Bolton, Massachusetts**  
**January 27, 2021**

**Members present:** Mary Ciummo, Holly Lauer, Leslie Breeze, Michael Keller

The meeting was held online via Zoom and called to order at 7:00pm

The minutes of our October 14 and December 9, 2020 meetings were reviewed and approved. The minutes of our January 13, 2021 meeting will be reviewed and approved at our next meeting on February 10, 2021.

**Review meeting with Randy Heglin, DPW Director:** Committee members were interested in his thoughts and experiences with pavement management systems including sidewalk upkeep and maintenance. His concerns over concrete sidewalks and quality of the workmanship were reviewed. The committee also was interested in the reflective strips for sign posts that he mentioned and forward information about.

Holly has agreed to come up with a proposed sign to replace a series of older, no reflective signs on the West bound approach to Sampson Road. Mike will look at the number of STOP signs around town that we could consider adding reflective strips to the posts.

**Wattaquadock truck signage:** As promised, Randy forwarded to Mary the sign verbiage and specs for trucks relating to Wattaquadock truck traffic. The general feeling of the committee is that while the committee would prefer a truck exclusion, we will take what we can get. Questions were raised about how the town might be able to gauge the effects, if any, of the sign on truck routing.

**Review Annual Report:** The annual report was reviewed. No major changes were made. The addition of the committee's survey of "Y" intersections is to be added.

**Discuss Committee's Future:** Mary reported back to the committee about a Stow safety committee comprised of members from various departments. We were interested as a possible model for our own committee moving forward. From some of the details from Stow (committee doesn't meet regularly, citizens need to fill out a form) the committee felt it was not a format we should pursue and does not help us with issues we currently face.

We would like our committee to better reflect the town. Ideally, that would include members with children in the school system as well as from various areas in town: Main St, South Bolton, etc. We brainstormed ideas to find citizens interested in being more active in town government. One idea was to post interviews with heads of various committees in the local paper and express a need for additional committee members. We will take up the idea at a future meeting with Don Lowe.

Minutes submitted by Holly Lauer.