

**Public Ways Safety Committee**  
**Minutes**  
**Bolton, Massachusetts**  
**January 13, 2021**

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

**Invited guest:** DPW Director Randy Heglin

The meeting was held online via Zoom and called to order at 10:30 a.m. The minutes of our October 14 and December 9, 2020 meetings will be reviewed and approved at our next meeting on January 27.

**Welcoming the new director and an introduction to PWSC:** prior to this meeting, the Committee sent Randy background material on the Committee's history; at this meeting, we gave a brief overview of our activities. He was unfamiliar with a group like PWSC; and sees the Committee as a helpful resource for his department, especially in fielding residents' traffic concerns.

**PWSC's budget for line painting and sign replacement:** the DPW has met with Advisory for a review of their FY22 budget. Our \$9,200 line item for line painting and signage was approved. Randy agrees that the lines serve a purpose, especially where the side roads are narrow. Our recommendation to paint in the spring, rather than in the fall, is a challenge because the FY budget doesn't kick in until July; by the time the job is advertised and the bids come in, it is already late summer, early fall.

**Signage:**

- Signs westbound on south side of Main Street before Sampson Rd.: the Committee feels that there are too many signs along this stretch of road, and that some could be combined. We asked Randy to review the 4 warning signs for curves and approaching intersection for his opinion.
- Randy asked the Committee to look into reflective strips to be placed on stop signs, especially along the Main Street intersections. They are not expensive and are an effective tool for nighttime visibility of the signs.

**Resident safety concern at 231 Main Street:** the Committee gave an update of our meeting with the resident, and Chief Nelson's recommendation to trim surrounding trees for better sight lines.

**Complete Streets Tier 3 Funding:** the Committee asked Randy if the town had resubmitted the grant application of \$394,000, to provide funding for construction of vehicle/driver, bicyclist and pedestrian safety improvements along Main Street, between Mechanic Street and Town

Hall. Bolton did not receive that round of funding due to increased competition from other towns. Randy is unfamiliar with this, will look into it, and asked the Committee to offer assistance in applying for funding.

**MassWorks projects:**

- Completed project at Main St./Wattaquaddock Hill Rd.: the project was underfunded because it did not include the costs for supervision, and the electric bills for the new traffic lights has been erratic. Randy will look at the new concrete sidewalks for delamination (when the paste layer at the surface separates, creating an unbonded concrete layer between there and the slab body), he will also check to see if they were broom finished because concrete can be slippery when wet and icy. Randy also noted that the quality of the ingredients to make concrete has changed and is not as good; and that it is getting harder to find a company to put down concrete.
- Main St./Green and Forbush Rd. intersection: the application was denied, and Don Lowe and the consultants are meeting with MassWorks for a debrief to find out how to improve the application and resubmit.

**Truck Exclusion on Wattaquaddock Hill Rd.:** because Clinton voted against the exclusion, the town will instead install two official “trucks best route signs,” one on Main St. before Wattaquaddock and the other at Main/Route 110. Randy will send the Committee an image of the sign.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes submitted Mary Ciummo.