

**Public Ways Safety Committee
Minutes
Bolton, Massachusetts
May 12, 2021**

Members present: Mary Ciummo, Holly Lauer, Michael Keller

Guests: Shandy Carpenter and Steve McKeown

The meeting was held online via Zoom and called to order at 7:05 p.m. The minutes of our March 24 and April 14 and 28, 2021 meetings were reviewed and approved.

Meeting with prospective volunteers Shandy Carpenter and Steve McKeown:

Shandy has an MBA with career experience in marketing and PR, as well as some experience with grant writing and the approval process through working for the Department of Commerce/EDA/SBA. She finds herself with time for committee service and has a child in high school. Steve is the project manager at the Middlesex School. His responsibility is to manage capital improvements on campus. His involvement with Buildings and Grounds has given him experience permitting projects with a variety of town boards. He has a good understanding of the process that is required for long term planning and capital improvements and believes PWSC is taking an important look at some of the issues that concern all residents of Bolton. Steve also finds the time for committee service, and has a one year old child. The Committee voted to recommend to the Selectmen Shandy and Steve for appointment to the Committee.

Traffic concerns on Woobly Road: Chief Nelson has received a request for traffic enforcement on Woobly Road along with asking for a traffic study to assess the speed limit. His department has sent directed traffic enforcement to that area, and it will be ongoing; surveillance radar equipment will also be put in that location. Chief Nelson will refer the resident to the Committee and send the traffic speeds when they are done with the survey. To date, there does not appear to be speeders on that road.

MassWorks project public information session follow-up: All three Committee members attended the information session which was held via zoom. After a discussion on the pros and cons of a roundabout versus traffic lights, the Committee agreed that the roundabout was the best option for safety. The Selectmen will be voting on their choice at their meeting tomorrow night, which will be too late for the Committee to send a letter of support for a roundabout. Mary did send an email to the selectmen, as a town resident, supporting the roundabout option.

Horse warning signs: The request for 48 signs along town roads will be reduced to 12. Locations to come.

Proposed 40B housing project at 580 Main St.: At our last meeting, the Committee made up, and voted to approve, a "wish list" for concepts that we would like to see

included in this development. Mary sent the list to the Selectmen (attached to minutes). Approval to move forward with this development will be voted on at their meeting tomorrow night.

Master Plan update: The Steering Committee is planning a July 17th public forum at the Town Common; as stakeholders, the Committee will be invited. The purpose of the forum is to articulate the Master Plan vision to the residents of Bolton by deriving from the vision a series of aspirations, goals, strategies, and action. As task manager for the Transportation Task Group, Mary asked the Committee to think about what we would like to see for transportation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted Mary Ciummo

May 4, 2021

To the Board of Selectmen:

Robert Czekanski

Jonathan Keep

Stanley Wysocki

At our April 28th meeting, the Public Ways Safety Committee reviewed and discussed the plans for the 580 Main Street 40B Housing Project. The Committee voted the following concepts that we would like to see included in this development:

- Pedestrian access:
 - Sidewalks within development connecting to buildings
 - Sidewalks along roads/lanes within the development out to Main Street
 - Sidewalk along frontage of property on Main Street. Possible financial contribution to sidewalk fund or installation of sidewalk along Main Street to connect to Clinton Savings Bank sidewalk. This will provide safe pedestrian access to bank and veterinarian office; it is also ranked as the #1 project in the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan
 - Crosswalks across roads/lanes within development out to Main Street
- Bicycle access: dedicated lanes along roads within the development out to Main Street
- Bicycle storage lockers: provide added security and covered protection from the elements and for convenience
- Pathway to access community garden/ horse ring field/conservation trails/FSS & Emerson School/Memorial field
- Bus pickup location/shelter: now for students, future needs
- Ride sharing pickup/drop-off location
- EV charging stations: approximately 45
- Moving truck locations for each building

- Package lockers: with the increase in e-commerce, this will help reduce the need for multiple delivery attempts and reduce vehicle dwell times, reducing congestion and emissions
- Appropriate traffic controls (signage) within development

We hope that you will take these recommendations into consideration. Thank you for your time.

Public Ways Safety Committee:

Mary Ciummo, Chair

Holly Lauer

Michael Keller