

**Public Ways Safety Committee  
Minutes  
Bolton, Massachusetts  
May 26, 2021**

**Members present:** Mary Ciummo, Holly Lauer, Michael Keller, Steve McKeown, and Shandy Carpenter

The meeting was held online via Zoom and called to order at 7:05 p.m. The minutes of our May 12, 2021 meeting will be reviewed and approved at our June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**New Committee members:** Upon recommendation from this Committee, the Board of Selectmen at their May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting appointed Steve McKeown and Shandy Carpenter to the PWSC. Welcome to Steve and Shandy; this is their first meeting as Committee members.

**Meeting with Town Planner Valerie Voorthuys:** Mary reached out to the new Town Planner to schedule a meeting with the Committee. Because the Planning Board and PWSC usually meet on the same days and time, Valerie is unable to meet at our usual start time of 7:00 p.m. As an option, the Committee agreed to meet with Valerie an hour early, at 6:00 p.m. and set aside the dates of June 9 or 23 to meet. Mary will contact Valerie with the date and time options.

**Traffic concerns on Woobly Road:** the Committee reviewed the speed data on Woobly Road collected by the Police from May 13 at 4:00 p.m. through to May 14 at 5:59 a.m. The average (mean) speed was 33mph and the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile was 37mph. The Committee feels that if a speed study is done, the posted speed limit would probably be set at 35mph. Woobly Road continues on and becomes Old Bolton Road in Hudson, and it was noted that there is a 25mph speed limit sign upon entry into Hudson.

**Horse warning signs:** The Committee reviewed the 12 requested horse warning signs requested and feels that there needs to be a justification for the placement of the signs. Placing signs on the roads that connect to trails (such as Vaughn Hill and Green Rd.) makes sense but placing signs on either end of 117 (from Forbush to Bolton Woods Way) does not. MUTCD guidance on the use of warning signs should be followed. Mary will forward the Committee's view to Randy.

**Master Plan update:** The Steering Committee is planning a July 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Summer meeting schedule:** The Committee considered the option of meeting once a month during July and August and will check their calendars to determine what days at our June 9th meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted Mary Ciummo