

Public Ways Safety Committee Meeting Minutes
Bolton, MA
July 28, 2021

Members Present: Mary Ciummo, Holly Lauer, Michael Keller, Steve McKeown, Shandy Carpenter. **Invited Guests:** Margaret Campbell, Gordon Campbell

The meeting was held via Zoom and called to order at 7:04 pm. Minutes for May 26, June 9 and June 23 were reviewed and approved.

Resident concern regarding South Bolton Road/Spectacle Hill Road intersection

Margaret Campbell joined to speak about her concerns regarding safety at the S Bolton Rd and Spectacle Hill Rd intersection. Margaret discussed use of multiple traffic calming measures and was informed of support for a three way stop from the Police Chief. Chief Nelson sent the Committee accident data for the area; and it showed only one accident occurring at the intersection in 27 years. BPD will place the radar box to record speeds and traffic volume once roadway construction is completed. The Committee recommended that Margaret garner support from neighbors for safety improvements at the intersection. Also discussed traffic impact Century Mill development (under construction) and Highland Commons at intersection. The committee would like to investigate the lower section of S. Bolton as thickly settled.

MAPC landline project/Mass Central Rail Trail

Gordon Taylor is of the Montachusett Regional Trails Coalition on the Mass Central Rail Trail that will cross through a section of Bolton. He joined to discuss Bolton connectivity with the MAPC landline project. Gordon reviewed the MAPC published map, and alternatively suggested the previously mapped Thoreau Walk as a better way for Bolton to connect to the project.

Horse signs request

Gordon Taylor stayed to discuss pending Bolton Trails Committee meeting with Cindy Ayotte regarding horse signs trails and informed the committee of a project with Bob Hatch to improve trail conditions and decrease the need for road usage. Use of social media to inform the public was discussed. Mary will attend the upcoming Trails Committee meeting.

Sidewalk inventory update

Mary discussed the need for an updated map of town sidewalks and their present condition. The Committee would like to know what GPS program the Conservation Commission uses. Holly will send DPW an updated list when it is available.

Master Plan update

The Master Plan was discussed briefly regarding the focus on safe and effective multi modal transport for all users and three recommendations.

Holly will request future meeting Zoom links for September 15th and 29th.

The meeting adjourned at 8:37 pm. Minutes submitted by Shandy Carpenter