

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

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

Invited guest: DPW Director Randy Heglin

The meeting was held online via Zoom and called to order at 7:05 p.m. The minutes of our September 22, and October 13 2021 meetings were approved.

The Committee meets with the DPW Director twice a year, or as often as necessary, to update on traffic concerns in Town. The following items were discussed:

PWSC FY22/23 budget: line painting and signage: due to the nation-wide paint shortage, there was a delay in painting this Fall. With lowering temperatures, paint is taking longer to set, so line painting has been rescheduled for the Spring. Randy stated that the cost for painting the 13 roads was greater than our \$9,100 budget and that only a percentage of the cost is taken out to leave money for signs.

Sign request updates: a discussion on the recent residents' requests for warning signs on Forbush, Sawyer and Pinewood Roads, as well as the horse signs. Randy would like to see a formal sign process created that would involve DPW, Police, Fire and PWSC; he feels that all sign requests to the Selectboard should come from a Town Board. Steve mentioned that Concord has a traffic management committee that handles resident inquiries. He will look into this group and will share his findings with the Committee. Randy noted that sign replacement can be challenging for his department because he doesn't have the staff to do all the work. Mary will send Randy the list of horse warnings signs requested, along with the Committee's Yield to Stop report.

Grants and new projects:

- MassWorks roundabout project at Main/Green/Forbush: the Town has signed a contract with the engineering firm BETA. The project manager lives in Stow, which may be beneficial.
- State road resurfacing of Route 110 next year.
- Road resurfacing: the department is struggling with roads where the crack sealing is overdone requiring it to be ground down.

Master Plan update: Randy was unable to attend the October 17th public forum; Steve and Mary filled him in on the Transportation station led by Steve and Cia Ochsenbein. Some of the comments made by the public were the need for more sidewalks and better maintenance, shared use paths for cyclists, and trails to access sports fields and town buildings.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Minutes submitted Mary Ciummo