

**Public Ways Safety Committee
Minutes
Bolton, Massachusetts
November 8, 2017**

Members present: Mary Ciummo, Holly Lauer, Michael Keller.

Invited guests: Joe Lynch, DPW Director.

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

The Committee met with Joe Lynch, DPW Director.

- FY19 budget. We welcomed Joe to the Town and introduced our Committee. We gave him our last year's budget requests and asked if there was anything he would like done differently; he agreed that it should remain the same but that improvements can be made in the future, such as line painting. He would like to see less sand used in snow removal. At present, the Town is using 600 tons of mix (4 parts sand to 1-part salt) per mile, requiring repetitive trips. This not only becomes a clean-up issue, but is also harmful to the environment. He would like to pretreat the roads by spraying brine at 120 tons per mile. The Fire Dept. has a de-commissioned tanker truck that he will request for this purpose. The cost will be the same. By using less salt on the roads, there will be less wear on the fog lines, thereby improving their longevity. Road painting would be staggered, with possible 3-year lifespans for the side roads. Snow removal on sidewalks was discussed. Joe mentioned that the only way the Town could remove snow from sidewalks is with a bobcat, which he added is not only inexpensive to purchase, but also useful for many jobs. Telephone poles and mailboxes may be problematic to maneuver around. He mentioned that many towns require homeowners to shovel.
- Line painting. DPW contacted the line painting company in August, and has just received work dates of November 12-15 for line painting. We requested that Forbush Mill and Green Roads be excluded because advisory shoulders will be painted in the spring as part of the Complete Streets pilot program. There was also a discussion about the different grades of paint (water/latex at 4.1 cents per linear foot; corrugated rubber (which is outlawed), oil based at 8 cents per linear foot; and thermos plastic at \$2.00 per linear foot), and the almost double cost difference for 6" center and fog lines on Route 117 vs. 4." Increasing center and fog lines to 6" slows traffic by 1 to 2 miles per hour.
- Pedestrian Crosswalk Flashing Lights. Joe estimates that the project will cost around \$22,000. He like the idea of eliminating the middle man in the purchase of the hardware, and will contact TAPCO for pricing.

- Complete Streets. We brought Joe up to speed on where the Town was with moving toward a Complete Streets policy. We reviewed the pilot program design, and discussed the policy draft.
- Speed zones under the Municipal Modernization Act. Joe believes that the Town should be able to implement lowering speed limits through this act. He will be meeting with MassDOT and will bring this up.
- The Committee voted unanimously to approve the FY19 budget requests, keeping them the same as FY18.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p. m.

Minutes submitted Mary Ciummo.