

**Public Ways Safety Committee
Minutes
Bolton, Massachusetts
November 1, 2017**

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

Invited guests: Don Lowe, Town Administrator, Chris Lineberry, Town Roads Strategic Planning Committee.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m.

The minutes of the October 11, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Committee met with Don Lowe, Town Administrator.

- New DPW Director. Don gave the Committee an update on Joe Lynch, the new DPW Director. Joe has had experience working in both small and large towns, including Shirley. He was last employed as the DPW Director for the Town of Milton, and has a degree in civil engineering. The Committee informed Don that the absence of a permanent DPW director has prevented the Committee from moving forward on many projects, and were glad to hear that a director had been hired.
- Don informed the Committee of the following projects that would be presented at the May Town Meeting: Route 117 engineering study (from Town Roads Strategic Planning Committee charge), Complete Streets, Golden Run drainage, Spectacle Hill culvert, and Long Hill culvert. Don explained that they need to ask for more money for Long Hill culvert engineering because the Berlin Road culvert work, approved at last May's town meeting, had a \$58,000 overrun due to unforeseen conditions (lots of peat and wet weather issues). \$47,000 of non-Chapter 90 money earmarked for the Long Hill culvert engineering was redirected to the Berlin Road culvert. The remaining \$11,000 will come from the DPW's 422 account, possibly from sweep cleaning.
- Road safety concerns: the Committee discussed an increase in resident contacts to PWSC, DPW and Police. We admitted that in most cases there is not a lot that can be done. Agreed that on Golden Run the issue is traffic volume not speed, and showed Don the speeds that the Police clocked in, and how to alleviate this without adversely impacting other roads such as 117.
- Pedestrian crosswalk flashing lights. The Committee discussed the need to install curb cuts, and if engineering work would be required. We also need confirmation that the repair work will not require that repairs be done to the remainder of the sidewalk. Don assured us that, according to Barry Lorian, the Town doesn't need to worry about

continuation of repairs; he doesn't think that it is required. Mike mentioned that there may be funding available for making the curbs ADA compliant through the Safe Routes to School program. A plan to identify non-ADA compliant sidewalks would be done under Complete Streets.

- Complete Streets. Don's vision is to go for a TIP grant to get the Forbush Mill/Green Roads intersection redesigned. The Town would have to provide 25% of the design up front. He estimates that engineering for that intersection would cost between \$20,000 to \$30,000. To engineer the entire 117 corridor would cost approximately \$400,000 to \$500,000. The Town will need to produce a plan of where we want to be. When asked if the Selectmen would approve a Complete Streets policy, he responded that he was aware that two of the three selectmen are in favor of it.
- Speed zones under the Municipal Modernization Act. Don spoke with Barry Lorian about lowering the speed limit from 30mph to 25 mph in the Town center; Barry's response was that it does not apply to numbered roads such as Route 117.
- Chris Lineberry of the Town Roads Strategic Planning Committee commented that there is a lot of overlap, some conflicting, between the work of PWSC and his committee; and that our committees need to work together. We agreed and will attend their next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Minutes submitted Mary Ciummo.