

Public Ways Safety Committee
Minutes
Bolton, Massachusetts
May 31, 2017

Members present: Mary Ciummo, Leslie Breeze, Holly Lauer.

Invited Guest: Leslie Caisse, DPW Administrative Assistant.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the DPW Office.

The minutes of the May 10, 2017 will be reviewed and approved at the June 7th meeting.

Change of Yield signs to Stop: Leslie C. informed the Committee that starting on the first week in June, stop lines, along with the word “stop” will be painted on the roadway at the 6 approved intersections, and the new signs will be put up on the same day. The Committee recommended putting up temporary Stop Ahead warning signs, if the department had extras. Leslie C. was unable to locate any, but will look again. Mary C. will find out if Traffic Rules and Orders has to be updated in order for the new signs to be enforceable. She will also have the sign change posted on the Town’s website and in the Bolton Independent and The Item.

Traffic speed signs: the 4 approved signs ordered by the Police Dept. have been ordered. Installation does not require engineering.

Pedestrian crosswalk flashing light: Holly updated Leslie C. on the solar battery efficiency of the lights. Questions that the Committee need to find out are does installation require engineering, who will install, and the cost, and will sidewalks need to be brought to code (curb cuts)? More information is needed concerning ADA compliance for sidewalk alterations.

The FY 17 sign order should be in by the end of July. There was a discussion about replacing the chevron sign at the corner of Manor Road and Main Street. The original order was for a smaller sign; Leslie C. will have the summer help measure the old one and will get a price for a 36”x48” sign. Brush in front of the sign needs to be cleared and the new sign will be moved closer to the stone wall.

Removal of old signage by the high school: The Committee asked to have the old redundant school bus warning signs by the high school removed. Larger, new ones were recently installed.

The Committee brought the department up to date on their effort to lower the speed from 30mph to 25mph in the town center because of the new Municipal Modernization bill. Leslie C. will be attending a Baystate Roads MUTCD refresher course workshop that will also include

information and guidance on the Municipal Modernization bill. The Committee asked that Leslie share with us any information and notes from the workshop.

Complete Streets: There was a discussion about the May 17th kick-off meeting and the work to be done by MAPC in assisting with creating a policy.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. Minutes submitted Mary Ciummo.