

Public Ways Safety Committee

Minutes

Bolton, Massachusetts

November 14, 2018

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

The minutes of the August 8 and October 24, 2018 meetings were reviewed and approved.

2018 Moving Together Conference: Holly attended the conference held on Nov. 1st and shared with us the following information from the three sessions she attended:

- Session 1, Making the Commonwealth Safer:
 - MA Traffic Records Coordination Committee (TRCC) is working on a new MA Traffic Records Analysis Center (MassTRAC) for reporting crash data including an e-crash reporting system for Police Departments to upload when accidents happen. An upgrade to MassDOT Crash Data Portal is anticipated in 2019. In MA, pedestrian deaths decreased by 3% from 2008 to 2017; nationally they increased by 35%.
 - Safe Routes to School program has new funding of up to \$10,00 for sign and line painting improvements, and offers grants ranging from \$100,00 to \$1 million for sidewalk and lights improvements and training (area must be within 2 miles from school).
 - In Fall River, MassDOT funded bike lanes and a walk audit with improved lighting at their Senior Center.
 - Junior operator violations. Teens are texting less while driving, but still driving with other teens in vehicle and driving late at night. There is a need to educate parents.
- Session 2, Government Council on Health and Aging:
 - In MA, 1 in 5 people are over age 65, with economic stability 2nd to worse. Older adults will be 23% of the population by 2035.
 - Largest concern among seniors is transportation. People outlive their ability to drive by 7 to 10 years. As cars get smarter, people can drive longer. Needham COA has partnered with Lyft.
- Session 3, Complete Streets Implementation:
 - Chapter 90 money has increased by 20% and can be used for Complete Street projects.
 - Clinton did 2 walk audits with sidewalk improvements on Franklin St. In Leominster, new sidewalks and renovated ADA ramps starting from the city center outwards.

Complete Streets Prioritization Plan meeting: the meeting was well attended. Howard, Stein Hudson introduced the program and solicited questions/feedback from attendees. On-line mapping is strong and will be available until December 15th. Committee members were encouraged to map safety recommendations throughout town.

FY20 budget: Due November 21st. Because of increased labor and material costs, the Committee will ask DPW for an increase of \$1,000 to our \$8,300. Mary will contact DPW.

Wide-mouth intersections inventory: The Committee will return to this item after the new year.

Annual Report: Due January 16th. The Committee reviewed 2018 activities.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted Mary Ciummo.

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