

Public Ways Safety Committee

Minutes

Bolton, Massachusetts

January 9, 2019

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

Also present: Linda Crabtree, Bolton resident

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm

Approved and signed minutes for December 12, 2018

Roadway safety concerns discussed:

South Bolton Road – It was recognized that the dotted lines at the South Bolton / Berlin intersection need to be refreshed. They are to be painted with the line painting in the spring. Ms. Crabtree had written Don Lowe a thoughtful letter of safety concerns and possible solutions which had been forwarded to the committee. We reviewed those suggestions. The committee explained the state's process of determining speed limits that towns must follow. The committee will touch base with Chief Nelson and Joe Lynch about the possibility of speed studies in key areas of concern. It was noted that the speeds recorded on Main Street have been consistent and reasonable. Additional stop signs were discussed for South Bolton Road intersections. The town must meet regulations for putting up stop signs. We reviewed accident data from 2010-2018: one accident occurred at Spectacle / South Bolton intersection and 4 accidents occurred at South Bolton/Century Mill. There are site line issues that the committee will address with Joe Lynch. We also discussed speed bumps, humps, and tables as a traffic calming measure. There are downsides to these: plowing issues and a hazard for safety vehicles. We do not find speed bumps to be a desirable solution.

Green Road – We discussed Bob Czekanski's citizen concerns for student athletes on Green Road to be submitted with the town's complete streets survey. There have been 38 traffic incidents on Green Road from 2010-2018: one involving a cyclist, none with a pedestrian. Ideally, an off road shared path would be the best solution, but that is a costly one and requires residents to give easements. We discussed advisory bike lanes as a possibility. Alta Planning and Design has several examples of advisory bike lanes on their website, one is from Hanover, NH.

117 at high school – We discussed complaint from Lancaster citizen about students crossing to Classic Pizza.

November speed data – there seems to be missing data. We are questioning if the poles are having trouble because of the lack of sunlight at this time of year.

Wide mouth and 'Y' intersections inventory – The committee is going to get further guidelines from Joe because so many of the town's intersections seem to fall into the category.

Schedule meeting with DPW – Committee will potentially meet next with Joe Lynch on Wednesday, January 23rd at 10:30am if he is available. Discussion topics: sign replacements by the state, advisory bike lanes, schedule for DPW to visit Advisory meeting, Complete Streets status, grant status, wide/Y intersections, site lines, setting speed limits

Annual Report – We reviewed the annual report to be submitted. No one had further items to add.

Meeting ended at 8:30pm. Minutes submitted by Holly Lauer

M. Ciummo *Holly Lauer*
Leslie Breeze *Mike Keller*