

## **Public Ways Safety Committee**

### **Minutes**

**Bolton, Massachusetts**

**January 23, 2019**

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

**Invited guest:** Joe Lynch, DPW Director.

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

This was one of several meetings during the year that PWSC holds with Joe Lynch, DPW Director, to touch base with PWSC and DPW activities.

#### **Updates on Complete Streets and the MassWorks grant:**

- Complete Streets: Consultant team Howard Stein Hudson is compiling data from public input. A public forum will be held in the Spring (March), and they're on schedule to submit the Prioritization Plan in April.
- MassWorks: To begin surveying, consultant BETA Group will be setting up traffic counters on Main Street and Wattaquaddock Hill Road in the next two weeks.

**Roadway safety concerns:** the Committee discussed with Joe Lynch several resident concerns:

- Setting speed limits on unposted roads. Joe Lynch agreed that there are many roads that need to be investigated; and said that this should be included when the Master Plan is updated.
- Sight lines at S. Bolton/Century Mill Rd. Landscaped hedges have been grown close to the roadway, narrowing sight lines, with the property owner being difficult about remediation. Also discussed was whether the Stop sign was in the right location.
- Advisory shoulders. The Committee felt that painting advisory shoulders on Green Road was a possible solution to enhancing the safety of HS track runners along that road. The Committee forwarded to Joe the link to the Alta Planning & Design report "Advisory Bike Lanes in North America" for his review.

**Radar speed signs:** Readings from the signs are consistent from month to month. Shorter daylight hours in winter, coupled with overcast days, has resulted in several no data readings for some of the signs.

**Wide-mouth intersections inventory:** The Committee will give Joe a list within the next couple of months.

**Stop signs.** According to Joe, the 7 stop signs approved by the Selectmen three years ago need to be submitted to MassDOT for approval. He will compare the list of Stop signs in the Town's Traffic Rules and Order to the State's inventory. Joe will contact the State for the inventory list.

**Line painting.** The Town now has a painting machine for small jobs. With the new contractor, line painting will be done in early summer instead of late Fall. The Committee asked that the dotted lines (called channelizing lines) showing the direction of Berlin Road be added.

**FY20 budget meeting with Advisory.** Scheduled for Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted Mary Ciummo.

*M. Ciummo*  
*Spencer Brey*  
*Holly M. Lane*