

Public Ways Safety Committee

Minutes

Bolton, Massachusetts

June 26, 2019

Members present: Mary Ciummo, Leslie Breeze, and Holly Lauer. Committee met with Town Planner Erica Uriarte.

The meeting was called to order at 10:40 AM in the Town Hall.

Complete Streets: Bicycle and pedestrian education (Save Routes to School) –

It was noted that the town has been slowly checking off recommendations from the Mobility Report. One of those recommendations is education. Crosswalks and bike lanes are new in this community and many children have no experience with them. Florence Sawyer School has touched on the state program Safe Routes to School by supporting a walk to school day. Another Safe Routes to School offering would be a Bike Rodeo. It would require school and law enforcement involvement for 6th grade workshops.

Master Plan – Moves to update the master plan are just getting started. Last update was 2006. It is recommended that it is updated every 10 years. Town will be looking for community and town committee involvement in the master plan. Erica will be exploring if there is funding available to help pay for consultants. A charter is being drafted to form a committee. Planning board is to meet with the Board of Selectmen about this. The hope is to have a committee by fall. PWSC would like the Master Plan committee to consider looking at speed limits throughout the town, to budget for fixing problematic intersections (Y and overly wide), to include a safety zone with reduced speed in the town center, and to incorporate Complete Streets into the master plan.

New Grants – Housing Choice Initiative- town applied last year and just missed getting it. We have a 5% growth in housing. We are going to pursue grant money for South Bolton/ Spectacle Hill development area water mitigation project. The likelihood of success is much higher than with the corridor study.

ADA sidewalk compliance in subdivisions – Century Mill is going to be fixing their sidewalk issues.

Public Ways Access Permit- We will not pursue the Public Ways Access Permit because the issues should be covered by the special permitting process.

Committee reviewed and signed the minutes of May 22, 2019.

Next meeting is scheduled for 7pm on August 14th at the Town Hall.

Meeting ended at 11:35am.

Minutes submitted by Holly Lauer

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