

**Public Ways Safety Committee
Minutes
Bolton, Massachusetts
June 28, 2017**

Members present: Mary Ciummo, Leslie Breeze, Holly Lauer. Chief Nelson was also in attendance with residents Martha Remington and B.J. Herbison.

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. in the Public Safety Building.

Resident concern at Old Bay/ Ballville – Martha recalled a narrowly missed accident at this intersection after having stopped at the Old Bay stop sign. A car travelling on Ballville from the direction of the International almost hit her. The issue is that Ballville drivers are blind to Old Bay and the legal speed is too high for a safe stop. Chief Nelson and the committee discussed and agreed that the intersection is a unique and dangerous area that should have a stop sign for Ballville travelers in that direction. The committee will pass this on to Harold to find out what is required to install a stop sign there.

Speed warning signs- The signs are made by Elan City and will be installed by Munitech and not the DPW. There will be four signs in total to be installed in the Bolton Bean area (westbound), Harvard-Manor area (eastbound), Still River-Main intersection (both sides). We discussed the need for bigger signs and brush clearing on Main from Lancaster into Bolton. B.J. Herbison also mentioned the loss of reflectivity on the westbound 30 MPH sign in the Bolton Orchards area, which the committee noted is on the list for future replacement.

Update on pedestrian crosswalk flashing lights- We gave the Chief an update on the possibility of a flashing lights crosswalk. There are potential issues with ADA compliance and whether the installation of the lights will trigger a required sidewalk upgrade.

Crosswalk movables- Committee asked the Chief his opinion on the use of crosswalk movables. He was happy to have them even in the center of the street, but it was agreed that the best placement would be in the gutter area on both sides of the crosswalk.

Brush clearing- There is a need for brush clearing at the usual problem areas. Also on Main Street at Long Hill, left at Long Hill.

Yield to Stop sign replacement- sign replacements should be in. Committee members will pass by them to check. Need to make sure they are officially added to the Traffic Rules and Order.

Sign replacements- Officer Hamburger supplies the committee with a report of sign conditions. The committee is still working on addressing the problem signs in his last report and did not ask

for an update at this time. Chief Nelson informed the committee that his officers are working on a Speed Sign Project, trying to identify areas that should have a speed sign and proper placement. He supplied the committee with a list of 10 roads that need extra signs. He also suggested we look at the possibility of a 3 way stop at Corn and Sugar Roads.

Click it or Ticket Campaign- This is a state safety grant that the town participated in. The department did 20 Traffic Grant patrols for a total of 74 hours. 226 stops were conducted. Chief Nelson gave the committee a summary of the results of those stops. There will be another state safety grant called Drink Sober from August 14 – Sept 4.

Municipal Modernization Bill- Potential lowering of speed limit to 25mph in the town center. Chief Nelson is skeptical that we will be able to apply the bill there, but he supports the reduction of speed in the town center. Leslie brought in a relevant article from “Municipal Advocate” Volume 29 No. 1 by the Massachusetts Municipal Association, www.mma.org

Complete Streets- We briefly discussed the PWSC participation in the adoption of guidelines for Complete Streets.

Minutes submitted Holly Lauer.