

10/23/2017

Meeting Minutes for Town Roads Strategic Planning Committee

In Attendance:

Doug Neuschafer
Chris Lineberry
Christopher Little
Fred Van Bennekom
Patrick Mahoney
Joseph Lynch

Pam Powell swore in committee all were present.

Each Member introductions and background of where they came from.

Election of chairman unanimous Doug Neuschafer

Quick review of the RT117 Prioritization document and goals outlined in it.

Joe Lynch provided the committee with a lot of information concerning the governing rules around roads and that MUTCD has all the information necessary. He provided an update and information about the traffic work down at Forbush/Green intersection that should begin to help with High School safety issues. It is a first step to getting the area designated a Safety Zone by MassDOT and we need to check all the boxes there. He also mentioned complete streets and that the Town should be involved with that as it allows some different options for street design.

Discussion and review of the charge put forth to the committee. Committee discussed that the flow of traffic and traffic calming may conflict with each other. Some of the traffic calming items are being implemented down at the high school. Line painting cannot occur until next year due to weather. Discussion around the 1/15/2018 deliverable and what may be possible. Fred Van Bennekom mentioned we need to get a process in place and a clear goal. All members agree and initial consensus if that for this budget cycle all that can be provided is a budget to hire consultants that can help formulate the requirements. Joe Lynch mentioned that we should invite in engineering firms to a working session where we could get some solid direction on good solutions to each problem.

Doug Neuschafer will arrange for the meeting space and location. Doug will contact the Chief of Police about using the training room at the station. As the deadline is quick, it was decided to meet again next Monday – Location TBD @ 7PM. Committee will meet at least every 2 weeks after that and possibly more often.

Mark Ayotte has copies of the previous documents from the RT117 Prioritization Committee and will send them to Doug for distribution to the committee. He will also contact Don Lowe to see the use of online storage for working documents. Ex Officio role in voting as Fred, Patrick and Doug think it may be a voting position. Get the meeting minutes from Public Ways Safety Committee.

Motion to adjourn Fred Van Bennekom second Chris Lineberry - Unanimous

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Neuschafer", is written at the bottom of the page.