

TRAFFIC AND SIDEWALK COMMITTEE (TSC) MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7:00PM  
Via Zoom

Committee Members Attending:

Jay Doyle (Chair), Andrew Chase, Richard Gula

Ex Officio Members Attending:

Steve Fogg (DPW), Lieutenant Mike Forty filling in for Captain Tom Kelly (WPD)

Public Attending: Members of the public attended the zoom call, attendance was not taken.

1. Introductions of the Members of the Committee:

1A. Approval of minutes from the November and December meetings. Meeting minutes from past meetings will be posted. A request for someone to take the minutes

- Minutes for both the November and December 2021 meetings were approved unanimously
- Andrew Chase volunteered to take the minutes for tonight's meeting

2. Letters, emails and comments from the public:

- P. Hill – Made the following request and suggestion, 1. Can the reconstruction of the Wellesley Street sidewalk be moved up to the next construction season from 2024 by using available infrastructure monies from either federal or state funds, if available? 2. Possibly add flashing signs at the crosswalks in Weston Center.
- B. Pastor – The members of Highland Meadows community are very concerned about the intersection at Highland Street and Rte. 20 and they would like improvements to be made. They have been trying to figure out the best solution and have made suggestions to the T&S Committee and other committees in Town. He and the committee from Highland Meadows are looking for the committee to provide a plan or update about the intersection at Highland Street and Rte. 20.
  - The T&SC agreed the intersection had been studied by other projects and interested parties and the next step should be for the DPW to hire a traffic engineering consultant to conduct an alternatives analysis to develop and evaluate a range of feasible configurations focused on the intersection. A plan for the intersection will be forthcoming but will take time to get to that point. We appreciate the suggestions but need to allow additional time to get to the right solution.
- A resident's letter inquired about snow removal for the sidewalk on Lexington Street. The letter was sent to the DPW with T&SC on copy. Steve Fogg from Weston's DPW explained the DPW is short on manpower for clearing snow in town on the roads and sidewalks. It's very possible the sidewalk fell victim of not being cleared as quickly as it should because of the manpower issue.

3. Update on planned Ash Street sidewalk/walkway, Steve Fogg, Town Engineer, Weston DPW, Committee discussion about next steps

- The current status of the project is the project has slowed down while an updated alignment is finalized. The potential alignment has been provided to all the parties involved and will have input once it's updated and reviewed further. There's survey work ongoing at the time of the meeting.

4. Update on current projects happening around town provided by Steve Fogg:

- The roadway and sidewalk improvements on Merriam Street between Bemis and the railroad bridge will continue with aim of being ready for spring 2022 construction.
- There is ongoing drainage work on the southside of Weston that will continue for a while longer.
- Park Road improvement project as it relates to the Riverside project continue. For the T&SC recommendations and thoughts on the improvements proposed by the developer please see the December, 2021 T&SC meeting minutes.

5. Other updates:

- Rt 20 @ Wellesley Street / Boston Post Road:
  - Currently working through some issues with MassDOT including utility coordination, however significant progress has been made with the overall project. Within the last 24 hours a virtual meeting has been scheduled for February 15<sup>th</sup> which will be the MassDOT 25% Design Public Hearing for the project. The announcement was on the Weston website and via email communication.
- Rt 30 Reconstruction Project <https://www.weston.org/1274/Route-30-Reconstruction>
  - The project continues to progress, the 25% design meeting could be later this winter or early spring. There are meetings with all the utility companies involved and the Town that are in the near future. The committee would like to have an update meeting for all the involved stakeholder on Rte. 30 providing an update about the project and to fulfill a recent request to be sure of the correct ownership of parcels is shown on the project design drawings. The design consultant is making updates to the existing plans.

Meeting Adjourned

Future meeting – February 16, 2022 at 7PM