

TRAFFIC AND SIDEWALK COMMITTEE (TSC) MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at 7:00PM  
Via Zoom

Committee Members Attending:

Jay Doyle (Chair), Andrew Chase, Richard Gula,

Ex Officio Members Attending:

Steve Fogg (Town Engineer), Captain Tom Kelly (Weston Police Dept.)

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

1. Introductions of the Members of the Committee:
2. Approval of minutes from previous meeting/posting of old minutes/assign someone to take minutes
  - The committee deferred the approval of the February 10, 2021 minutes until the April meeting.
  - Andrew Chase volunteered to take the minutes for tonight's meeting.
3. Letters, emails and comments from the public:
  - Kacie Wrean – Resident of the Kings Grant road neighborhood concerned about the parking in the Winthrop circle and Indian Hill road area. This concern has been brought to the attention of the committee before, possibly back in 2019. Visitors who are parking on these road are there to access the Cat Rock hiking trails. Kacie asked if the parking is being monitored because it seems like there are a lot of cars parking in the area on both weekdays and on the weekend. Her proposal , as suggested by others in the past, is to have marked parking areas and no parking outside of the designated area. Temporary signs in the past have not helped the situation. As in the past, the police will respond and enforce maintaining emergency vehicle access and not blocking resident driveways. Member(s) of the committee will do some follow up by visiting the area on weekends during the coming weeks.
  - Alex Faigel – Resident of the Love Lane and Chestnut street neighborhood area was checking on the status on the issues surrounding Love Lane and Chestnut Street traffic speed and cut-through volume. In 2020 the committee moved the findings and recommendations of traffic analyses performed by the Town's engineering consultant to the Select Board for further attention and consideration. The Select Board is looking into the turn restriction idea and how it would impact the neighborhood and the residents, and surrounding neighborhoods that could be impacted.
4. Updates on parking management/enforcement along Gun Club Lane
  - Yet-Ming Chiang presented a proposal for parking and signage around the Gun Club Lane area. His proposal of parking management includes specific no parking signs for areas outside the spaces designated for parking. Possible use of logs or large boulders as physical obstructions to preventing parking outside of the designated area was discussed.
  - Committee members Andrew Chase and Jay Doyle have visited the Gun Club conservation area to get an idea of what is happening since the last meeting. The area around the trailhead might have about eight to ten parking spaces for people to access the rail trail. The committee and the Weston Forest and Trail Association are coordinating on the appropriate signage and locations and may need to work with DPW to get the signs fabricated and installed.

- Kristin Barbieri of the Weston Forest and Trail Association is supportive of improved parking management and signage for Gun Club Lane. The WFTA controls the land on the north side of Gun Club Lane where the existing and potential additional parking is located.

#### 5. Updates on active Walkway/Sidewalk projects

- Ash Street – Sidewalk application
  - Community Preservation Committee (CPC) meeting is next week and Jay Doyle is preparing the funding presentation for construction of the project. This section of the Ash street sidewalk would connect the southernmost point at the reservoir to the north at the Legacy trail completed in 2020. Project construction costs are approximately \$400k. Project could start after July 1, 2021 assuming approval of CPC funds this spring. Project design is being completed by the DPW in-house. Some new survey data is being shared with the necessary utility companies in the hopes of getting them to possibly move some utility poles allowing the sidewalk to be aligned effectively and efficiently.
- Highland Street Crosswalks at Highland Meadows
  - The residents of Highland Meadows has provided feedback on the crosswalks plans which have been forwarded to the engineers, VHB to follow-up to finalize the plans.

#### 4. Other updates

- Rte. 20 @ Wellesley Street / Boston Post Road and the Rte. 30 Reconstruction Project -
  - Both projects have had their respective 25% design plans submitted to MassDOT and MassDOT has completed its review. The 25% designs for both projects are on the town website. The design consultants VHB is reviewing the plan comments from MassDOT for the Rt20 at Wellesley Street. DPW has been trying to reach HSH for a status on the MassDOT comments on the Rte. 30 Reconstruction Project.
  - In terms of project timing the Rte. 30 Reconstruction Project is a few months behind the Rte. 20 at Wellesley Street Project.
  - Steve Fogg believes MassDOT will schedule a separate design public meeting for each project sometime over the next few months.
- Rte. 117 @ Merriam / Lincoln Streets –
  - The design consultant Howard Stein Hudson (HSH) was directed to develop additional ideas to complete the pavement markings, those plans or ideas have been provided to the town and the surveyors the town uses have been engaged to provide a quote about what it will cost to implement the pavement markings.

Future meetings – April 14<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 7PM