

TRAFFIC AND SIDEWALK COMMITTEE (TSC) MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7:00PM
Weston Police Training Room
180 Boston Post Road By-Pass

Committee Members Attending:

Jay Doyle (Chair), Andrew Chase, Richard Gula

Ex Officio Members Attending:

Steve Fogg (Town Engineer)

Public Attending:

Karin & David Ott

Rebecca Mercuri

Dan Hill

Kaitlyn Baptista

Barbara Gilman

Ernie Balabanis

Barbara Fullerton

Lise Revers

Greg Shay

Kin C. Lam

Tina Peters

Steven Brand

Avery Chaplin

Chand Samaratanga

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 September minutes were approved, unanimously.
 - Andrew Chase volunteered to take the minutes for tonight's meeting.
3. Public Comments / Letters from Residents
 - BF – Asked about the speed limit around the Weston reservoir and why is the committee not looking to lower the speed limit, reduce it to 25 mph from 35. JD – Many area have been reviewed around town and suggested that with the ongoing Ash street project, the speed limits should be reviewed again.
 - SF – Updated the audience about climate resiliency in Weston an upcoming meeting will be held at the library.
 - LFR – The Oxbow and Intervale intersection questioned which vehicle has the right of way? Many requests by residents for either stop signs or yield signs at the intersection to allow drivers to know how to approach the intersection when other cars are at the intersection.
4. Route 30 Reconstruction Project – Design Update
 - Bridgett M. (HSH) – provide a project update and how the project was started. Weston contacted and started discussions with HSH about the potential project. HSH contacted MassDOT to

discuss the project limits, Natick to Newton. Once the project was agreed on the town approved HSH to move forward with a feasibility study of Rte. 30.

- HSH provided a follow-up from a March meeting and more recent progress on concepts. Concerns from the TSC and residents have been reevaluated and incorporated in the plans and were discussed including vehicle speed and volumes have been reviewed. HSH met with DPW during August in preparation to having a presentation to the BOS.
 - Some of the concerns from residents from the last meetings related to the *Town acceptance of Rte. 30 ROW, the MassDOT Revised Healthy Transportation Policy, the narrowing of intersections.* Refreshed the understanding of the cross section of Rte. 30 and also that DPW checked with town counsel and confirmed Rt30 right-of-way was transferred properly many years ago from the county to the town. She discussed what a shared use path is and its benefits. The project has two new proposed signals at Winter St. and Oak St. and discussed the pros and cons of each signal. Displayed how the intersection at Highland St would be tightened up with safety improvements. The intersection at Ash St. was discussed, the turning radius to turn in the street, the type of signal for the crosswalk at the street. Also discussed the Newton St. and Park Rd intersection but mostly improvements to existing conditions. A resident asked about how the existing stone walls, mailboxes or current screening and how they will be repositioned and/or replaced in kind. All items impacted are expected to adjusted, replaced, reconstructed as part of the project.
5. Updates on Walkway/Sidewalk projects
- a. Merriam Street
 - The culvert design and work in process and although it is not part of the sidewalk project it is part of the planned road project which impacts the sidewalk project, planning and scope is ongoing.
 - b. Ash Street
 - Nothing new noted.
6. Updates Only: Projects/Designs/Studies/Issues:
- a. Route 20 at Wellesley Street Design
 - Nothing new noted
 - b. 751-761 Boston Post Road development aka Woodleigh Farm
 - Nothing new noted
 - c. Traffic consultant priority assignments (Love Lane/Chestnut St. and Merriam/Rt117)
 - VHB is progressing the study of Love Lane and Chestnut St. to provide some options on how to resolve the ongoing issues with cut through traffic and speeding. Counts are being done by consultants
 - Howard Stein Hudson is progressing the study of Merriam Street/Route 117 to provide some options for problems of speeding on Rt117 and safety issues for vehicles, peds/bikes trying to cross Rt117 from Merriam or Lincoln Street.
 - Draft results to be presented at an upcoming T&SC meeting.
 - d. DPW-Police-School Dept. requests
 - Nothing new requests made

NEXT MEETING DATE: November 20, 2019