

Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee

September 27, 2018 7:30pm meeting

50 Carby Street

Board Members in attendance: Paul Sicard, Chair Michael Kraft, Vice Chair Steven Olanoff, Abby McCabe, Rory Laughna, Tom Prior, George Lester, Kate Wynne, Jim McLaughlin, Secretary Stephen Botelho

Guests in attendance:

- Elaine De-Reyna (Hartford Street)
- Rick Skolund (Dover Road)
- Jake Moerschel (Hartford Street)

**Call to order** by Michael Kraft at 7:30

- **Westwood Day** – discuss scheduling and picking up helmets from David White
  - Cover schedule for WW Day and commitments for booth
    - Stephen Botelho will get the helmets and canopy to bring Saturday morning
    - Rory reports that Norwood Bike shop owner will be at the booth on WW Day.
    - Last at the WW day can break down the booth.
- Paul Sicard with **police department updates** – fieldstone; pleasant valley; fox hill; road update for traffic calming
  - Also responding to requests for speed cut through in the "Maze" area
  - Collecting data from different streets with electric signs. The signs collect frequency and speed. Todd is limited to one electronic speed sign for Hartford Street.
  - East Street project progress. October weekend closing for East St to replace the bridge. Road work may not be until next spring. Sidewalk will be compromised until road work is done.
  - Paul Sicard discussed briefly the crosswalk review study. This is the study to review the safety of crosswalks. The results will eventually be shared with selectmen and our committee

- Public works – Elaine (guest) provided update on discussion with Todd Korchin for study in Hartford St area. Research sidewalk changes to apply granite curbing; electronic speed signs;
  - Also concerned about cross walk to Wildwood
  - (guest of Wildwood lane) brought up concerns about crosswalk
- **Planning Board Updates**
  - Abby – comprehensive plan – provided update about the status – looking for steering committee to help keep the plan update. The plan is made up of 9 sections plus an implementation plan. Looking for residents to apply and volunteer to help write the plan. First steering committee tentative for Nov. Opportunities include events. Looking for Bike Pedestrian Committee member to serve on the Steering committee for the Comprehensive Plan tasks. Steering committee member will be involved.
    - Michael asked how the plan is to be used once assembled. Abby replied that once the plan is approved by the planning board it will serve as a guide to ensure the town is going in an understood direction according to the comprehensive plan.
    - Steve Olanoff recommends our board appoint someone.
    - Kate Wynne has offered to apply for comprehensive plan steering committee
  - **Miscellaneous updates from planning board** – Starbucks has proposed to make parking lot changes. Trying to figure out how to keep cars from parking next to the street exit. The property owner has applications in to attempt making changes.

#### **Resident concerns**

- Elaine for Wildwood – no stop sign at Wildwood and Hartford. Danger for children walking to sidewalk on Hartford. Cars travelling very fast down Hartford. Combination of commuters from out of town as well as local residents driving fast. The results of the survey were submitted to the Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee. The Committee encouraged Ms. De-Reyna to contact the Public Works Director for next steps. Ultimately, the Board of Selectmen are the road commissioners.
- Sidewalk discussions were brought up about Wildwood using Gay St as a model. Paul and Michael and Steve Olanoff explained the complexities of introducing a sidewalk.

- Rich of 263 Dover Road – shared results of a survey he and his wife took with some of the residents of the area they live on Dover. The survey examined the various options that residents would like to see considered changed.
  - Inquiries about sidewalk on Dover to Carby were also asked about.
  - How can side street traffic be reduced? How can the flow be encouraged on main streets like High street?
- Michael brought up the possibility of a survey.
- **Minutes from Aug30th meeting** – Rory motioned to approve; Stephen seconds
- George motioned to **adjourn** and Jim second.