

## **Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee**

July 28, 2016

7:30 p.m.

50 Carby Street

Committee Members Present: Michael Kraft (Chair); Bob Rich (Secretary) Steven Olanoff; George Lester; Virginia Lester; Enkelejda Klosi, Abigail McCabe;

Committee Members Absent: Paul Sicard; Todd Korchin

Resident Attendees: Stephen Botelho (2 Summer Street). Mr. Botelho indicated that he is interested in becoming a member of the committee.

Meeting called to order at 7:45 pm

### **Committee Reorganization**

Tabled until September 2016 meeting to await new members for full membership.

### **Planning Board and Community and Economic Development Update – Abby McCabe**

The gas station on Washington Street in Islington next to Dunkin Donuts wants to add a convenience store and 5 parking spaces. The Planning Board will look into any conflicts with pedestrians. The committee recommended that the Planning Board request a traffic study and arrows and signage to indicate traffic flow directions.

There was an Islington visioning workshop on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> to solicit feedback from residents on potential new development. There will be an Islington Center Task Force meeting on September 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the concept plans that have been submitted by Petruzzello Properties in response to the recent RFP issued by the Town.

### **DPW Update: (via Abby McCabe)**

The Westwood sidewalk prioritization list was approved by the State in June. Ms. McCabe will send the list to the committee. Todd Korchin from the DPW submitted a request for \$400,000 in funding from Complete Streets to pay for these improvements. Westwood is currently awaiting an answer from the State.

### **Old Business:**

The Town is creating a new website, which will include improved search capabilities. The Bicycle Parking Design Guidelines are currently listed under the Planning Board site. We will request that this information also be linked with the Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety webpage when the new website goes live.

Steve Olanoff reminded the committee that some previously discussed projects had not been resolved, including the traffic study of the Nahatan Street/High Street and the Pond Street/High Street intersections. The committee will discuss with Todd Korchin, review the proposals, and ask Todd for his recommendations at an upcoming meeting.

**New Business:**

Westwood Day (Saturday, September 24) – Michael Kraft will contact David White to determine if his company will continue to provide free bike helmets.

The Town of Westwood Appointed Committee Handbook was distributed to all members.

If David White's company agrees to fund the free bicycle helmets for Westwood Day, then the next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 25, 2016 at 7:30 pm in order to plan for the event. If not, then the next meeting will be held on Thursday, September 22, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.