

Westwood Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee Meeting
Thursday, January 30, 2020
Champagne Meeting Room, 50 Carby Street, Westwood

Members Present: Chair Mike Kraft, Vice Chair Steve Olanoff, Kate Wynne who recorded the minutes, Kela Klosi, Brian Gorman, and Abby McCabe

Brian Gorman – Planning Board Updates

- Discussed Comprehensive Plan Open Houses, emails went out announcing
- During the discussion land sale on Gay Street came up. Unsure how much frontage this property has on Gay St and how this will affect the Gay St Sidewalk project.
- Road Improvement Bond is coming up at Town meeting, include money for cross walks – they have not released the crosswalk study yet. More will be learned at the March public hearings with the finance and warrant commission. (Contributing to this discussion was Steve Olanoff)

Steve O – Future Agenda Item - We should go over the list and review the priorities of sidewalks.

High St from Summer St North – the restriping of lanes left no shoulder. It was discussed at the last Select Board meeting and they came to No Conclusion. Looking to see if it is on the next agenda. Steve suggests that the town needs to add signs for bikes that their lane is ending.

Kela - School is considering redistricting – do they have to work along existing roads? Do we know how that works?

A: We don't know those details

Abby Update

- Recommends going to March Public Hearing of Finance & Warrant Committee. At this point it includes - Finish High, Hartford St, East St and trying to get Winter St intersection in there.
- Development proposal for age-restricted housing at 109 & 128 – 215 High St – was withdrawn by the planning board.

Guest: Jen Skoglund, 236 Dover

Questions – was here a year ago, concerned about speed of cars & safety of peds on Dover Road.

Notice of repaving in spring was received & wondered about efficacy of current speed humps – is there a way to make the current speed humps more effective? Offered anecdotal evidence of difficulty of pulling into the street from her driveway, even at off hours, due to speeding cars.

A: Mike Kraft – observation that it is likely that improvement is not possible. Suggests that you speak directly with Todd.

A: Brian Gorman – suggests that you email Todd and see if you can speak with him directly. Noted his role - he's the Director DPW.

Question 2- Little section of Dover Rd at Carby, where Dedham water is – is there a way to get a sidewalk there? So that you could get to a side street to be able to walk. She did a survey of the street and a lot of people are concerned and do want a sidewalk, but not everyone. Possibly a little section of sidewalk.

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A: Kela is in agreement that it would be useful, valuable.

A: Steve Olonaff – a scenic road can have a sidewalk & Todd is saying that they have moved up in priority high St. to Carby building.

She was encouraged to join us and reach out to Tish Healey, in the Town Administration Office.

It was requested to see if a representative will be replacing Sgt. Sicard on this Committee and also invite the new Town Administrator to an upcoming meeting. It was also suggested to see about rescheduling the February meeting to a Wednesday and meeting at the Police Station. Abby will check on the next meeting date and location and confirm with the Committee.

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm.
