

Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee

December 3, 2020 7:30pm via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Board Members in attendance

- Robert Gotti
- Steven Olanoff
- Michael Kraft, Chair
- Alex Yale
- George Lester
- Abby McCabe, Town Planner, Ex-Officio
- Todd Korchin DPW Director, Ex-Officio

Call to order by Michael Kraft @ 7:53pm

Planning Board Updates:

Mr. Gotti informed the Committee that the Islington Center Redevelopment project was moving into the third phase of development for the new mixed use building. The Board approved a plan to change the lot lines for the new building on the corner of Washington and East Street. The Comprehensive Plan is moving forward and the hearing has been continued to the next meeting to wait for final comments and a letter of support from the Select Board. He explained at the last hearing the Board talked about how the Comprehensive Plan took into account COVID 19 concerns and will revisit the plan's goals after the pandemic.

Public Works Department Updates—

Mr. Korchin reported that the crosswalk study as part of phase II of the road improvement was recently presented to the Select Board at the November 23rd meeting. The phase II of the road improvement bond will go out to bid soon for work to be done in the spring. There will be pavement markers with reflectors, more brick imprinted crosswalks, new curbing, more pavement replacement, and new curbing and sidewalks this spring at the Winter and Clapboardtree Street intersection. Construction will begin in the spring and continue in the summer 2021.

To follow up on the street lighting request from the last meeting, Mr. Korchin explained that DPW is looking at initial locations to be considered by the Select Board. The Select Board will review, will need to coordinate with Eversource, and work it out with some neighbors because there is some neighbor opposition to additional lighting. The request for a sidewalk on that portion of Nahatan Street between Clapboardtree and Norwood is more involved. Mr. Korchin reported that the sidewalk would need to be ADA compliant and tie into the intersection.

A Committee member asked about the two lanes on High Street (Route 109) between Summer Street and Lowder Brook Drive. The additional lane allowed for better vehicle flow but removed room for bicyclist. The Committee asked for signage and sharrow markings to be added. Mr. Korchin responded that the sharrow markings can be done in the spring.

A member asked about a small path between the Eversource property and Partridge Lane. The Committee discussed reaching out to the property to see about maintaining it.

Review of Draft Meeting Minutes from October 29, 2020—Minutes were accepted as written with a motion from Steve Olanoff, seconded by Rob Gotti. The minutes were approved by a 4-0 vote.

Schedule Next Meeting Date – Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:30 pm

The Committee voted to adjourn at 8:57pm.