

Westwood Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee
January 28, 2021 7:30pm
Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom

Board Members in attendance

- Michael Kraft (Chair)
- Enkelejda (Kela) Klosi (Vice chair)
- Robert Gotti (Planning Board representative)
- Todd Korchin (Public Works Director)
- Steven Olanoff
- Alex Yale
- Heather Ford
- Abby McCabe (Town Planner)

Residents in attendance:

- Paul Dullea 97 Nahatan St

Call to order by Michael Kraft @ 7:35pm

Public Works Department Updates—Public Works Director Mr. Korchin provided department updates. He reported that the crosswalk and sidewalk enhancements are in the final stages of bid documents and a contract is expected by mid-March for spring/summer work. The crosswalk evaluation study has been [posted to the website](#). Bid documents for the reconstruction of the Winter and Clapboardtree Street intersection will be going out soon for spring/summer construction work. A public meeting is being planned for Monday, March 1st at a 5:00 pm via Zoom for Canton Street sidewalk improvements. He explained that some of the design costs for this project are funded from mitigation funds received from the agreement with the Top Golf facility in Canton at the old Cumberland Farms site. In response to a question about the Gay Street sidewalk, Mr. Korchin explained that there are no plans right now to move forward with the construction of a sidewalk on Gay Street because it is not eligible for state funding. Currently, Canton Street sidewalks are eligible for state funding so that's the next sidewalk project. Upcoming summer paving will include the Pheasant Hill neighborhood. Mr. Korchin reported that a landscape island will be added on Pond Street.

The Committee asked if there were any updates on the request for street lights on Nahatan Street. Mr. Korchin responded that two lights locations have been identified (as pole 41 & 45) and will be added and the Town is currently working with and awaiting the installation from Eversource. Five lights were initially identified to be needed but only two will be added because there was some neighbor concern with more lights.

Planning Board Updates:

Mr. Gotti informed the Committee that Encounter Church that is currently at the office park off of Route 1 in Southwest Park is proposing to add a preschool use.

Any new issues from residents/New Items

There were questions from Committee members about additional traffic and vans coming from the new Amazon facility. It was noted that there a new Amazon facility is in Norwood but there were mitigation measures put in place such as no left turn signage, yard marshals, and GPS technology to direct drivers away from Westwood neighborhoods. Mr. Olanoff confirmed that the no left turn signs had been installed.

The meeting minutes from December 3, 2020 were approved with the spelling correction on a motion made by Mr. Olanoff, seconded by Ms. Ford.

Next meeting date – Thursday, February 25.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm