

Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee
February 25, 2021 7:30 pm
Meeting Minutes
Zoom

Board Members in attendance

- Michael Kraft (Chair), Enkelejda (Kela) Klosi (Vice chair), Robert Gotti (Planning Board), Steven Olanoff, Heather Ford (Recording Secretary), and Town Planner Abby McCabe ex-officio member.
- This meeting was via Zoom and recorded here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/GECc9Jo_62yuH_1vLeBeREtdkhpO247OjrD65HqA35HqPwafLJc6Bh5uv9SUoHn1.nIZ1Yukq4XWboxOV?startTime=1614299611000

Call to order by Michael Kraft @ 7:30pm

- **Memorial Ideas for the late George Lester**
 - The Committee discussed ways to honor George Lester. A plaque by bike racks possibly at the new Hanlon School was suggested.
 - Mr. Gotti suggested the Cronin Community Service Award. The Committee discussed nominating George and Virginia Lester for the Cronin Service Award. On a motion made by Mr. Olanoff, seconded by Mr. Gotti, the Committee voted 5-0 to nominate George and Virginia Lester for the Cronin Award. Ms. McCabe said she would draft the nomination form and email to the group for comments and will also send to Dave Atkins.
- **Planning Board Updates:**
 - Mr. Gotti provided updates on recent Planning Board activity. There was an approval to split one residential lot into two lots on a Gay Street property next to the Hanlon Elementary School. The Planning Board approved a new Mazda Dealership on Providence Highway at the old Audi Dealership on the east side of street which is expected to open soon. Mr. Gotti also reported that the owner of the Homes at 45, the senior residential development at the former Lodge property has applied to add 3 more units. The hearing was continued and it is yet to be seen what his revised plan will look like as the Applicant requested a continuance. Applicant initially offered additional funds into the sidewalk fund but will return on March 16 with a revised proposal.
 - The Planning Board will open their public hearing on zoning amendments on Monday March 1st, on articles submitted to Town Meeting. Zoning articles will focus on zoning for various medical uses to add clarity and and fix holes in the zoning bylaw, and another article changes to a temporary permit process for short term uses.

- **Public Works Department Updates**—The Public Works Director Todd Korchin had previously informed the Committee that there is a public meeting regarding sidewalks on Canton Street via Zoom at 5:00 pm on Monday, March 1st. A couple committee members expressed interest in attending.
- Westwood Community Trails Program – Mr. Olanoff reported that the Trails Committee has resumed monthly hikes on Saturday mornings usually the first Saturday of each month at a different location. They are adhering to state public health guidelines and requiring masks, distancing, and limits on attendees.
- Any new issues from residents – None.
- Review January 28, 2021 Draft Meeting Minutes – on a motion made by Mr. Yale, seconded by Mr. Kraft, the Committee voted to approve the minutes from January as written.
- Select next meeting date – next regular meeting Thursday, March 25 at 7:30 pm.
- The Committee voted to adjourn 8:45 pm.