Town of Westwood Pedestrian & Bicycle Safety Committee Thursday, March 3, 2022 Meeting via Zoom

Committee Members in Attendance:

Chair Michael Kraft, Vice-chair Enkelejda (Kela) Klosi, Steven Olanoff.

Ex-officio: Police Officers Steve Conley and Kevin MacDonald, Select Board member Rob Gotti

Residents in attendance: Kevin Becker, 1227 High Street; Gail Kostovski, 321 Gay Street

Chair Kraft called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm and announced that the meeting would be recorded via Zoom.

Selected to record minutes: Steve Olanoff

Planning Board Report

None

DPW Report

None from DPW

Police Department Updates

- The speed indicator sign on Forbes Road was discussed and police officer Steve Conley agreed with Steve Olanoff that the sign was placed in an ineffective location. It will be relocated
- A school zone was created at the Xaverian Brothers School on Clapboardtree Street and signs with flashing lights will be installed shortly.

Gay Street Sidewalk

The Select Board voted to not place the Gay Street sidewalk project on the proposed 2023 budget for the spring town meeting. Chair Michael Kraft and members of the Ped/Bike Safety Committee and other residents testified in favor of the project moving forward, but the Select Board voted 2 to 1 against it. Select Board member Rob Gotti explained the reasons for the vote. Resident Kevin Becker and committee members discussed possible next steps. Gay Street resident Gail Kostovski expressed support for the project.

Canton Street Sidewalk

The Canton Street sidewalk project was discussed, including its design, possible funding sources, and schedule. \$900,000 will be on the Town's capital budget for the spring town meeting.

Pond Street and Clapboardtree Street

Select Board member Rob Gotti told the Committee that the new STOP signs will be installed at the intersection and that the Ped/Bike Safety Committee recommendations for the intersection will be implemented in the future.

New Business from residents in attendance

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Next Meeting: It was decided because of the shift in timing of this meeting that the next meeting would be on Thursday, April 28, 2022

Adjourn by 9:00 pm