

Transportation Committee

Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2017 at 7:00pm.

Present: Larry Salate, Barur Rajeshkumar (Raj), Marc Frieden, Kevin LaClair, Vernon Jackson, Anita Scheipers

Not Present: John DiPietro

Also Present: Dan Daniska and Rob Raymond from CMRPC, Vin Vignaly from the Open Space Committee

Discussion and Actions:

- 1. Committee Organization:** Anita asked the committee if they wished to organize and choose a Chair. Marc Frieden moved and Kevin LaClair seconded to appoint Larry Salate as Chair. Vote: All yes. Motion passed. Larry Salate took over facilitating the meeting.
- 2. Discuss priorities for the Complete Streets study and Prioritization plan:** Anita Scheipers updated the Board with the approval of the Town Complete Streets policy and the resulting award of grant funds with which the Town hired CMRPC to develop the Complete Streets projects prioritization plan of pedestrian and bicycle safety related projects. Dan Daniska and Rob Raymond from CMRPC were present to explain the basics of the Tier Two Prioritization Plan phase of the program. The committee needs to identify road projects that will improve the safety of sidewalks and roadways for pedestrians and bike riders. The committee reviewed an existing street layout map and discussed potential problem areas such as the Rt. 12 corridor, Rt. 140, and various side roads. These areas were noted on the map by CMRPC staff. Dan Daniska stated we must hold a public hearing to explain the program and seek public feedback on areas to be considered for the project list. Vin Vignaly invited the committee to hold this public meeting on the same night as the Open Space public forum, set for Tuesday, Feb 28th at 6pm. CMRPC staff agreed they could attend that evening to guide the complete streets portion of the joint meeting. It was agreed that Anita Scheipers would work with the Open Space Committee to advertise the event to encourage the public to attend.
- 3. Pavement Management Plan Update:** Anita Scheipers explained that under the state's Community Compact Program, the Town has been awarded a grant to do an update to the never accepted nor updated 2014 Pavement Management Plan. CMRPC will be working with DPW Director Butch Jackson this spring to do a survey of all road segments and an update to the pavement condition index and resulting pavement management plan, complete with updated cost estimates for project work. This plan will be very helpful in justifying applications for road project grant funds, as well as making decisions on how to use our annual Chapter 90 monies from the state. Butch will bring the plan edits to the committee for review prior to finalization.
- 4. Holden Bypass:** Anita Scheipers explained to the committee that CMRPC had reached out to her with notice that the Town of Rutland has asked that the concept of a bypass around Holden's busy

town center be revisited as their community is experiencing heavy traffic backups. Anita stated she would notify the committee as soon as any meetings were scheduled. Larry agreed to be the committee representative to attend these meetings if a daytime representative was required.

5. **Next Meeting:** It was agreed that the committee would meet at 6:00pm on the first Thursday of each month, with the next meeting being March 2, 2017.
6. **Adjournment:** Marc Frieden moved and Raj seconded to adjourn. Vote: All yes. Vote passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Anita M. Scheipers

Date Approved: April 6, 2017