

Transportation Committee

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 6, 2017 at 6:00pm

West Boylston Town Offices

140 Worcester Street

Members Present: Larry Salate, Marc Frieden, Kevin LaClair, Barur Rajeshkumar

Members Not Present:

Also Present: Anita Scheipers - Town Administrator, and Butch Jackson - DPW Director, Rob Raymond of CMRPC

1. Review public feedback from March 21 public forum: Rob Raymond reviewed the comments received at the public hearing. These comments included giving consideration for safer bike access along Rt. 140 from the Boylston town line to our town center, along Rt. 110 towards Clinton, River Road, Rt. 12 and an extension of the rail trail heading toward Sterling. Comments regarding sidewalk improvements making improved access along Rt. 12 to Walmart, along Crescent Street to the schools area, along Woodland street from CVS heading up the hill, filling in sidewalk gaps along Rt. 12, Prescott Street up to the Mixer site, Newton Street to Goodale, and Pine Arden to Crescent Street. It was discussed whether all sidewalks must be cleared on snow before school opens after a storm. Butch Jackson clarified that only those sidewalks in the school area must be cleared within 24 hours. It was also mentioned that any increase in sidewalks means an increase in maintenance costs to the Town.
2. Finalize and prioritize list of projects for Complete Streets Prioritization Plan: Consensus was reached to establish the following priorities in the list of projects:
 - a. Focus on existing sidewalks in poor condition
 - b. Fill in areas of gaps between existing sidewalks in the town center area
 - c. Install a "Hawk Beacon" pedestrian crosswalk beacon light on Rt. 12 at the intersection with Franklin Street

It was also agreed that easy first projects could include:

- a. Missing Rt. 12 segments of sidewalks in the main business area
- b. Rt 12 sidewalk to Walmart
- c. Crosswalk beacon at Rt. 12 and Franklin
- d. Sidewalks along Rt. 12 from Choy Lees to the reservoir
- e. Fill in the missing segment of sidewalk by the railroad bridge at the causeway
- f. Improve pedestrian crossing safety at Goodale park area

It was agreed that B. Jackson and L. Salate would work on editing the map and list based on the following priorities:

- a. adding or repairing sidewalks with a one mile radius of the schools
 - b. install new sidewalks to connect missing areas in the main areas of town
 - c. add sidewalk along Rt. 12 from Choy lees to the reservoir.
3. Minutes: B. Rajeshkumar moved and M. Frieden seconded to approve the minutes of the Jan 10, 2017 meeting. Vote: All yes. Motion passed.
4. Next meeting: The next meeting will be May 4, 2017 at 6:00pm.
5. Future Agenda Items: It was agreed to add a discussion about extending Hartwell Street to Rt. 140 as a future meeting agenda item.
6. Adjournment: M. Frieden moved and K. LaClair seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote: All yes. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Minutes approved on: June 1, 2017

Respectfully Submitted by Anita M. Scheipers