

Transportation Committee

140 Worcester Street

West Boylston NA 01585

Meeting Minutes

September 6, 2018 at 6:00pm.

Present: Larry Salate, Kevin LaClaire, Paul Anderson, Raj Rajeshkumar and Butch Jackson

Not Present:

Also Present: Town Administrator Anita Scheipers, Chris Rucho

Chairman Salate convened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Discussion and Actions:

- 1. Minutes:** Kevin LaClaire moved and Paul Anderson seconded to accept the minutes of August 7, 2018 with corrections. Vote: All yes. Motion passed.
- 2. Report on the Rt. 140 Corridor Study** - Rich Ryder of CMRPC was not able to attend this meeting and asked that this item be deferred to the October meeting.
- 3. Planning of the Public Forum on the Rt. 12 intersections improvements:** The committee discussed options for the format of a public forum to seek resident feedback on any possible intersection re-alignments for Rt. 12 at Rt. 140 and at Franklin Street. CMRPC had advised hiring a consultant to assist with the forum. Another option is to request the Selectboard approve the hiring of an engineering firm to begin the MassDOT required conceptual plans, and use the public hearing as an action item under their planning scope of work. This would be eligible for c90 funds. The committee agreed that at this point it was best to keep the public event informal, and agreed to use an "open house" come and go style format. They agreed to use their October meeting as a trial run for how layout maps may be used to augment public discussion. Butch Jackson agreed to request updated accident data for the areas in question from the police department. The committee agreed to set a date for the public forum at their next meeting.
- 4. Traffic counts from CMRPC:** The committee passed over this item pending discussion with Rich Ryder in October.
- 5. Various Intersection Improvements:**
 - a. Request for "Slow – Children Playing" sign on Nuha:** Raj Rajeshkumar stated there are a number of families with young children on the street. Butch Jackson updated the Board that signs the DPW will install the signs ASAP.

- b. **Request for additional signs on Church Street:** Larry Salate stated he had met with members of the Masons, and they all expressed no knowledge of their membership travelling the wrong way along Church Street. They did acknowledge that at their annual Christmas tree sales event they do get some people existing down the wrong direction. The police would be asked to look at the issue. This will be added to the October meeting agenda.

6. Other:

- a. Larry Salate asked to have the police department to start sending an officer to attend meetings as was previously done. Anita Scheipers will submit the request to the Police Chief.
- b. Butch Jackson stated he had asked MassDOT regarding the addition of a crosswalk on Rt. 12 and has received no response. He will check with them again.
- c. The rusted traffic signal control box on Rt. 12 by CVS is slated for replacement per MassDOT. No estimated date given.
- d. Chris Rucho asked if the dotted lines at the newly repaved Rt. 12 and Rt. 140 intersection will be painted. Butch Jackson stated he had already asked for this and will try again.
- e. A resident asked Anita Scheipers to share the following questions with the committee:
 - i. Why are the crosswalks at the schools painted blue? They are hard to see at night. Can they be painted a safety yellow instead? The committee debated the issue and asked Butch Jackson to check to see if there is any state regulations or guides for how to paint crosswalks. Butch will research this and report back at the next meeting.
 - ii. Why are the centerlines not painted yet on the newly paved Crescent Street? The committee explained that Butch Jackson is waiting until all of the scheduled fall paving ins completed and will then call in the line-painting company to do all the roads at one time.

Anita Scheipers will notify the resident of these facts.

7. Next meeting: October 4, 2018 at 6:00pm.

8. Adjournment: Kevin LaClaire moved and Paul Anderson seconded to adjourn at 6:50pm. Vote: All yes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Salate

Date Approved: Oct. 4, 2018