

## **Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Committee**

October 19, 2017

7:30 p.m.

50 Carby Street

Committee Members Present: Michael Kraft (Chair); Steven Olanoff (Vice Chair); Bob Rich (Secretary); Paul Sicard; Enkelejda Klosi; Tom Prior; Stephen Botelho; Abigail McCabe; Rory Laughna;

Committee Members Absent: Todd Korchin; George Lester; Jim McLaughlin;

Meeting called to order at 7:38 pm

### **DPW Update (via Abby McCabe)**

- The DPW and the Board of Selectman submitted an article for the Gay Street sidewalk design funding project in the amount of \$225,000 for Town Meeting on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. FinCom voted to recommend supporting this article 11-1.
- Brush is currently being cleared for the East Street Bridge project. Most of the construction to renovate this bridge will take place in the Spring and Summer of 2018.

### **Police Department Update – Paul Sicard**

- The new Police Station is now open.

### **Planning Board and Community and Economic Development Update – Abby McCabe**

- The new Islington Fire Station is now open. Open house and tours next week.
- The Marriott Courtyard Hotel on University Avenue is now open.
- Islington Project: The Islington Task Force has been reduced from 21 to 14 members. Petruzzello Properties is hoping to submit an application by the end of this year at the earliest. The plan for the Blue Hart Tavern is undetermined at this time and options are being considered by the Board of Selectmen.
- Open Space and Recreation Plan – Westwood are beginning to work on updating our Open Space and Recreation Plan and have started a Steering Committee to work on the update. We will have a consultant to assist with the public meetings and vision sessions expected later in the fall or early winter. 2000 Open Space plan is to be updated, a committee being formed to spearhead the update to the open space plan. There will be a survey, committee to review, vision session planned. Meeting with consultant to set meeting date, hopefully in 2017.
- Zoning Articles for Town Meeting: The Planning Board and Board of Selectmen are sponsoring a zoning amendment to add a definitive cap on the number of residential dwelling units that could be issued a special permit in the FMUOD 6 & 7 zoning districts (Washington and High Streets). This article has been submitted to ease concerns about too many residential units and alleviate some fears that there could be hundreds of multi-family units in our village centers. The article proposes limiting the number of possible special permits to 90 in Washington and 90 total in High Street.

### **New Business**

- Steve Olanoff attended the Moving Together conference in Boston last month, where several items were discussed including the new speed limit law and cobblestone sidewalks that cover driveways.

MassDOT has released a resource document that provides cities and towns the tools and information they need to plan and develop transportation projects and pedestrian networks to support walkable communities.

The Municipal Resource Guide is part of the more comprehensive Statewide Pedestrian Transportation Plan currently being finalized by MassDOT. The Guide was developed based on feedback received during interviews that were held with transportation stakeholders including MassDOT staff, the Massachusetts Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Board, regional transit authorities, disability commissions, regional planning agencies, and representatives from state and local governments.

MassDOT is soliciting public comment on this draft document until October 31, 2017. Comments can be sent to Pete Sutton, MassDOT Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Coordinator, at [peter.sutton@state.ma.us](mailto:peter.sutton@state.ma.us).

Abby will email the document to the committee for review. The link is below:

[http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Portals/17/docs/pedplan/PedPlan\\_MunicipalResourcesGuide.pdf](http://www.massdot.state.ma.us/Portals/17/docs/pedplan/PedPlan_MunicipalResourcesGuide.pdf)

- Steve Olanoff will ask Zagster to speak with the Pedestrian and Bike Safety Committee at an upcoming meeting to discuss their bicycle ride sharing program.

The minutes from the September 28th, 2017 meeting were approved.

Michael Kraft will send out an email to people who signed up to volunteer at Westwood day to attend Town Meeting.

The next PBSC meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 7th at 7:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.