

**COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 30, 2016
MINUTES**

George Barringer called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM at the Town Hall.

Members present: George Barringer, Ellen Baxendale, Laurie Bonavita, Peter Cunningham, Steven Legge, John Llodra, and Kristen Von Campe

Member absent: Tom Delaney

The Committee discussed the priority project list identified at the November 8th meeting with an eye towards narrowing the list. The Committee selected the following priority projects:

1. Construct a sidewalk along West Main Street from its current termination to the Senior Center.
2. Construct a sidewalk down Long Hill Road from Farmers Row to the Nashua River.
*****This project is a priority but the Committee wants to change the project limits such that the sidewalk would be constructed from Riverbend to Groton Place.***
3. Construct a sidewalk down the south side of Main Street from Sacred Heart to Winthrop Place.
4. Add traffic calming measures to Main Street.
5. Add traffic calming measures to Playground Road.
6. Construct a sidewalk on Lowell Road (Route 40) between Main Street and Shattuck Street.
7. Construct a sidewalk on Forge Village Road (Route 225) from Four Corners to the field.
8. Construct Phase I of Squannacook River Rail Trail to Bertozzi Wildlife Management Area (approximately 0.9 miles in Groton).
9. Construct a multi-use trail on Lovers Lane from Boston Road (Route 119) to Whitman Road to the Groton Country Club.
10. Provide links from the rail trail to all public road crossings- i.e. Temple Drive, Whistle Post, Whiting Road, Joy Road, Route 119 (near the lumber company).

The Committee was undecided about the following projects and decided to revisit them at the next meeting:

1. Construct a sidewalk from the Rail Trail up Broadmeadow to Main Street and also along Playground Road to the Library.
2. Add traffic calming measures on Martins Pond Road.
3. Construct a sidewalk on Higley Street between Farmers Row and Peabody Street: The Committee was unsure if this will be constructed by the Groton School as part of their planned improvements.
4. Designate the parking behind the Prescott School as municipal parking.

The Committee determined that although the following are priority projects, they will be completed by others and therefore should not appear in the Prioritization Plan:

1. Construct a sidewalk along Main Street from Old Ayer Road to the new CVS store.
(MassHighway)
2. Construct a sidewalk along Main Street (Route 119) from Mill Run Plaza to Fitch's Bridge.
(MassHighway)
3. Construct a sidewalk on the north side of Rte. 119 from School Street to the Rail Trail.
(MassHighway)
4. Construct a sidewalk along a short segment of Farmers Row from Peabody Street to the Groton School entrance. (The Groton School)

5. Construct a sidewalk on Farmers Row (Route 111) between Peabody Street and Culver Road. (The Groton School)
6. Add traffic calming measures to Higley and Peabody Streets- Improvements to Peabody Street/Old Ayer Road intersection proposed as part of Indian Hill Music Center proposal.

Additional comments were as follows:

Baxendale asked about horse trails- should we accommodate horseback riders within the Prioritization Plan? Barringer responded that horse clubs use the Town Forest.

The Committee discussed potentially losing parking spaces on Main Street to bump outs. Bonavita explained that bump outs are typically installed where parking is otherwise not allowed (i.e. certain number of feet from an intersection).

Cunningham explained that a sidewalk will most likely be built across Prescott Common as part of the Indian Hill Music Center project.

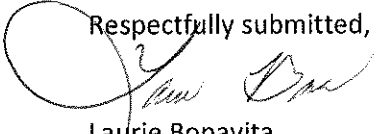
Llodra pointed out that there may be some locations where trails could be used in lieu of traditional sidewalks.

The Committee discussed the fact that installing a sidewalk on Main Street would be the responsibility of the Town since MassHighway already said no to the project.

The Committee agreed to hold the next meeting at 8:30 am on December 21st.

Bonavita made a motion to adjourn. Legge seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Bonavita
Clerk/Land Use Director