

**COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM
COMMUNITY INFORMATION & INPUT SESSION
FEBRUARY 2, 2017
MINUTES**

George Barringer called the meeting to order at 6:52 PM at the Town Hall.

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

Member absent: None

The Committee briefly discussed the logistics of the presentation. At 7:00 PM, Barringer welcomed attendees and began. Nineteen people were in attendance. He introduced the members of the Complete Streets Committee and provided updates on the sidewalk projects under the jurisdiction of MassDOT and to be completed by the Groton School. He explained that these projects were not included on the Draft Complete Streets Priority List because they will be completed by others.

Barringer introduced Bonavita, who began the PowerPoint presentation. She reviewed the meeting objectives, introduced attendees to the Complete Streets Program, Complete Streets design principles, Groton's Complete Streets Policy, and eligible infrastructure projects. Bonavita and the other members of the Committee described and showed slides of the twelve proposed projects. The Committee asked attendees for feedback on the projects and if they had suggestions for other projects for Committee consideration.

At the conclusion of the session, participants were asked to select their three highest priority projects. Results are as follows:

RAIL TRAIL LINKAGE PROJECT (11 VOTES)

Provide links from the rail trail to all public road crossings- i.e. Temple Drive, Whistle Post, West Street, Route 119 (near the lumber company).

WEST MAIN STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT (10 VOTES)

Construct a sidewalk along West Main Street, including 2 ADA ramps, 1 crosswalk and flashing sign, from its current terminus to the Senior Center.

Project Limits: 85 West Main Street – 163 West Main Street (approximately 1,500 l.f.)

MAIN STREET TRAFFIC CALMING PROJECT (9 VOTES)

Add traffic calming measures to Main Street, including 32 ADA ramps and 6 decorative crosswalks with flashing lights & signage.

Project Limits: Intersection of Main/Elm Streets and Intersection of Old Ayer Road/Boston Road/Main Street

LOVERS LANE MULTI-USE TRAIL PROJECT (4 VOTES)

Construct a multi-use trail on Lovers Lane from Boston Road (Route 119) to Whitman Road to the Groton Country Club. This project will likely include wetland mitigation, 4 ADA ramps and 2 crosswalks)

Project Limits: approximately 1,900 l.f.

FORGE VILLAGE ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (3 VOTES)

Construct a sidewalk on Forge Village Road (Route 225), including 4 ADA ramps and 2 crosswalks, from Four Corners to Woitowicz Field.

Project Limits: approximately 2,300 l.f.

LOWELL ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (2 VOTES)

Construct a sidewalk on Lowell Road (Route 40) from current terminus near Main Street to Gibbet Hill Grill.

Project Limits: 1,100 l.f.

LONG HILL ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (2 VOTES)

Construct a sidewalk down Long Hill Road, including 4 ADA ramps and 2 crosswalks, from its current terminus at Riverbend Drive to Groton Place.

Project Limits: Approximately 900 l.f. when utilizing abandoned road bed

SPEED LIMIT SIGNAGE PROJECT (1 VOTE)

Install flashing speed limit signs where appropriate.

Project Limits: Not yet defined.

CHICOPEE ROW SIDEWALK PROJECT (0 VOTES)

Construct a sidewalk on Chicopee Row from Blossom Lane past the cemetery to Williams Barn (160 Chicopee Row).

Project Limits: Approximately 3,100 l.f.

SANDY POND ROAD SIDEWALK PROJECT (0 VOTES)

Construct a sidewalk, 2 ADA ramps and 1 crosswalk on Sandy Pond Road from current terminus to Robin Hill Road intersection. Project Limits: approximately 275 l.f.

ROADWAY STRIPING & SIGNAGE PROJECT (0 VOTES)

Install striping and signage to facilitate partial road sharing on public roadways with sufficient right-of-way width including Sandy Pond Road and Old Ayer Road.

Project Limits: Not yet defined.

BIKE FACILITIES PROJECT (0 VOTES)

Install bike racks and repair stations at various municipal locations.

Project limits: Williams Barn, Legion Hall, Country Club, Forge Village Field, other locations to be determined.

Participants/respondents suggested the following additional projects:

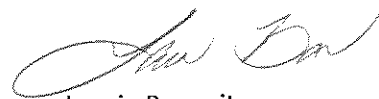
- Install markers/street signs where the rail trail crosses roadways
- Install stop signs for motor vehicles where the rail trail crosses roadways
- Install wayfinding signs to direct bicyclists to alternate routes
- Install garbage/recycling cans at each main rail trail parking lot
- Install a sidewalk on Broadmeadow Road from the rail trail to Main Street
- Install a bike lane on Broadmeadow Road from the rail trail to Ballfield Road
- Install a crosswalk at the intersection of Main Street and Broadmeadow Road/Lowell Road
- Install a sidewalk on West Street and/or access to the bike path
- Make a connection from the rail trail to Gibbett Hill
- Add "no parking" striping in the vicinity of crosswalks in accordance with ADA requirements
- Install benches in appropriate locations
- Install water bottle filling stations

- Extend the proposed West Main Street sidewalk from the Senior Center to the Town Forest or Riverbend
- Extend proposed Boston Road sidewalk beyond CVS to the new medical building at 120 Boston Road
- Mark lanes on Pepperell Road near the West Groton Post Office
- Install traffic calming measures on Mill Street
- Remove sign clutter from Route 119 to ensure that sign directing traffic to Route 111 South and Route 225 West is clearly visible

John Llodra made a motion to adjourn. Steve Legge seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Laurie Bonavita
Clerk/Land Use Director