

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2018, 8:30 AM
MINUTES

Chairman George Barringer called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM in the Town Hall.

Members present: Barringer, Collette, Cunningham, Delaney, and Legge

Members absent: Llodra and Von Campe

Other present: Land Use Director Takashi Tada and Ann Kryjewski

FY 2018 TIER 3 CONSTRUCTION AWARD FROM MASSDOT

The Committee received an award letter dated July 19, 2017 from MassDOT for Tier 3 Construction for Projects #4 Main Street Traffic Calming, #7 Long Hill Road Sidewalk, #10 Speed Limit Signage, and #11 Bicycle Repairs Kits. Nitsch Engineering is preparing the bid plans, as funded by the Fall 2017 Town Meeting. All work must be completed by September 30, 2018.

FY 2019 TIER 3 CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION

The Committee considered which projects to submit for Tier 3 Construction in FY 2019. The Committee decided to include **Project #2** the universally accessible access from Whistle Post Lane to the Nashua River Rail Trail. There was discussion about whether to connect to the existing paved pathway or to use another trail on conservation land from the end of the "T" turn-around. The slope from the T-turn around is not as steep as the connection to the existing paved pathway so construction might be easier. The Committee will explore the options with the Conservation Commission.

The Committee will apply for **Project #3** to construct a sidewalk along West Main Street from the Senior Center to West Groton Center. This project is a high priority, especially if the new Senior Center is approved at the Spring Town Meeting and at the ballot at the 2018 Annual Election.

The Committee discussed applying for **Project #13** construction of the bridge over the Nashua River Rail Trail on West Street. Structural engineering design is required for this project. Member Delaney suggested looking into a "design-build" contract, if it is acceptable to MassDOT.

If there are sufficient funds, the Committee will also include **Project #8** for construction of a sidewalk along Sandy Pond Road from Robin Hill Road to the Boston Road Marketplace (Shaw's).

CITIZENS' REQUEST

Ann Krajewski, 42 Fairview Avenue, met with the Committee to discuss the neighborhood request to upgrade two crosswalks and install flashing crossing lights on Main Street at the intersections with West Street and Fairview Avenue. This section of Main Street is under the control of MassDOT and is not eligible for funding under the Complete Streets Program. Both intersections are along the route to the Florence Roche Elementary School and the Middle Schools. Ms. Krajewski submitted maps and diagrams for the Committee's information.

Ms. Krajewski said she met with Town Manager Mark Haddad and DPW Director Tom Delaney to discuss the proposal. Both are supportive of the citizens' request and will sponsor the article at Town Meeting. She said she also spoke with Holly Jarrett at Seven Hills Extended Care Facility on Fairview Avenue. Ms.

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Jarrett is very enthusiastic about the project because Seven Hill staff frequently walks patients from Seven Hills to Main Street and the Town Center.

Committee members all agreed that this is an important pedestrian safety concern. Member Collette said that "Safe Routes to Schools" is a MassDOT priority. Member Delaney will ask MassDOT about giving the Town permission to do the work in the MassDOT right-of-way.

The motion was made by Collette, seconded by Cunningham, to ask MassDOT for permission for the Town to improve the crosswalks with ADA ramps and install flashing lights on Main Street at the intersections with West Street/School Street and at the intersection at Fairview Avenue; to support the article requesting funding at the Spring Town Meeting; and to ask Nitsch Engineering to prepare a cost estimate for the work. The motion passed unanimously.

2019 CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

The motion was made by Cunningham, seconded by Legge, to submit an application to MassDOT for construction of Projects 2, 3, 8, and 13 (see above discussion). The motion passed unanimously.

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The motion was made by Cunningham, seconded by Delaney, to approve the August 17, 2017 minutes as corrected. The motion passed with Barringer, Collette, Cunningham, and Delaney in favor; Legge abstaining.

HDC REPORT

Chairman Barringer reported that he met with the Historic Districts Commission (HDC) to discuss the Main Street Calming Project. The HDC supported the project provided that the posts for the flashing lights are black and that the ADA rectangular tactile panels are grey, not yellow. Member Collette noted that yellow is preferable, but not required, for people with visual challenges. The Committee will install grey panels as requested by the HDC.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette
Member