

**COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2018, 8:30 AM  
MINUTES**

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

Members present: George Barringer, Michelle Collette, Peter Cunningham Tom Delaney, John Llodra, and Kristen Von Campe

Members absent: Steve Legge

**FY 2019 TIER 3 CONSTRUCTION APPLICATION**

The Committee reviewed the cost estimates prepared by Nitsch Engineering for the following projects for submission for Tier 3 Construction in FY 2019:

- **Project #2** is the universally accessible access from Whistle Post Lane to the Nashua River Rail Trail. The estimated cost is \$21,000.
- **Project #3** is the construction of a sidewalk along West Main Street from the Senior Center to West Groton Center. The estimated cost is \$134,000.
- **Project #8** is for construction of a sidewalk along Sandy Pond Road from Robin Hill Road to the Boston Road Marketplace (Shaw's). The estimated cost is \$20,000.

**Project #13** - The Committee discussed the construction of the bridge over the Nashua River Rail Trail on West Street. Structural engineering design is required for this project. Nitsch Engineering said the cost of this project could exceed the \$400,000 available in the grant. Additionally, Nitsch Engineering does not provide structural engineering services. Member Delaney suggested contacting Stantec (formerly FST) to request a cost estimate for the bridge. FST provided structural engineering services for the replacement of Fitch's Bridge in 2012. Committee will follow up with Stantec.

If the West Street bridge project is not included in the application, the Committee discussed which other projects to include.

**Project #1** - The Committee discussed the pedestrian/bicycle path from the Nashua River Rail Trail to Temple Drive. Pedestrians and bicycles will be able to continue on along Temple Drive (approximately 850 ft) to Peabody Street and the new Indian Hill Music Center. The pedestrian path is on land in private ownership with an access easement held by the Groton Electric Light Department. Member/DPW Director Delaney said this is an inexpensive project that could be done by the DPW to improve GELD's access rather than including it in the Complete Streets application. The Committee agreed.

**Project #5** – The Committee discussed extending the sidewalk along Lowell Road from Main Street to Gibbet Hill Grill. Committee members agreed that this is an important pedestrian access project, especially with the new Groton Inn opening soon.

**Project #12** – The Committee discussed constructing a sidewalk along Lovers Lane from the US Post Office on Boston Road to the Groton Country Club. Committee members agreed that this will be an important connection once MassDOT extends the sidewalk along Boston Road from Old Ayer Road to the Post Office.

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The motion was made by Cunningham, seconded by Von Campe, to go forward with the West Street Bridge is it can be done for less than \$225,000 so the total amount of the application does not exceed \$400,000. If the cost of the West Street bridge exceeds \$225,000, then to apply for funding for Projects 5 and 12. The motion passed unanimously.

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The motion was made by Delaney, seconded by Von Campe, to approve the minutes of March 14, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.

**NEXT MEETING**

The Committee will meet on Friday, April 20, 2018 at 8:30 AM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette  
Member