

## Canton Complete Streets Task Force

January 15, 2019

Present:

Members: Valerie White, Klaus Proemm, Toby Irven, Brian Gardam

Guests: Peter Feickert, John Casserly

- I. Toby reviewed the purpose of the task force, created as a result of resolutions at town and village levels to comply with federal requirements for complete streets that encompass non-vehicular traffic, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and others. There are several initiatives on the table, including State Street, Miner Street Road, and Judson Street.

- II. State Street Renovations

There are three components: (1) Improving sidewalks and bike route from Riverside Dr. to the school, (2) creating/improving trails from the school to the athletic fields and Sullivan Drive, and (3) creating bike route from Sullivan Drive to Rt. 310.

Klaus Proemm and Leigh Rodriguez, Canton Economic Developer, had worked on drafting a letter of interest to People for Bikes to seek funds for an engineering study. There were two roadblocks: (1) the guidelines asked what funds had been raised so far, and (2) they weren't sure exactly what renovations we should be proposing. The *Master Trail Plan* does not provide enough specifics. Toby thought that there had been extensive discussions with several interested parties, including the school superintendent, about what needed to be done to connect the school to the athletic fields and Sullivan Drive. Klaus said that he and Leigh thought a better resource at this point was to seek funding from the SLC Health Initiative to contract with Erik Backus at Clarkson (<https://www.clarkson.edu/people/erik-backus>) for a study of what could be done to improve pedestrian/bike safety on State Street. We can apply for People for Bikes funding when that study is done, and perhaps use the Health Initiative funds, in addition with funding from the village and town, to address the issue of other funds raised. The Health Initiative's second year of their funding cycle starts Feb. 1, 2019, for money to be spent before January 2020. Our proposal would need to be submitted to the Health Initiative in the next few months to be included in their work plan.

- III. Miner Street Road

The town board anticipates hiring an engineer to propose improving the road from the Miner Street Bridge to Jingleville Road. As envisioned in the *Master Trail Plan*, the right-of-way is large enough to accommodate pedestrian/bike paths. Expressions of support are being sought from various constituencies, including property owners, running groups, St. Lawrence University, Canton Recreation Committee, and others. People will be asked to address their letters to the Trails Committee, Complete Streets Task Force, and the Town Board.

- IV. Judson Street Traffic Calming

Klaus reported that Erik Backus is also interested in looking into creating bike lanes from the village line into the village. Bike lanes are already marked from the intersection of 310 to

the village limits. Klaus also noted that if we are unable to use the pedestrian-controlled signal purchased for State Street because of delays by New York DOT, we can use it for the corner of Judson and Farmer Streets.

Klaus will be getting a meeting together of Mayor Dalton, Superintendent Brien Hallahan, the Task Force and other interested parties, to discuss traffic calming measures for Judson Street.

V. Next Meeting

Tuesday, February 19, 2019, at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Brian Gardam