

Canton Complete Streets Task Force

December 16, 2019

Approved Minutes

Present

Complete Streets: Toby Irven, Ethan Townsend, John Kennedy, Brian Gardam

Board Liaisons: Klaus Proem (Village), Bob Washo (Town)

Others: Dave Barnes, Dan Dominie

Approval of Minutes

Bob moved the approval of the November 11, 2017 minutes, Ethan seconded, all approved.

Role of Complete Streets Task Force

Toby reviewed the origin of the Task Force. When federal initiatives began to focus on the concept of assuring safe streets for all users, the Canton Bicycle Club and St. Lawrence University raised local awareness on the need to improve infrastructure. A couple years later discussion started in the village to recognize the state Complete Streets Law. Complete Streets resolutions were passed by both the town and village. The Task Force is now embracing projects, developed the Master Trail Plan, is making recommendations, and had secured funding for complete streets activities. However, the town and village resolutions have left questions about the role of the Task Force, most particularly in terms of reviewing village and town projects that might impact on pedestrian and cyclist safety and convenience.

Bob noted that Complete Streets is a standing committee, and is subject to open meeting laws, including public notice and maintaining minutes.

Task Force members agreed to review the Complete Streets resolutions with the goal of having the resolutions become codified by the village and town. Codifying Complete Streets would establish it as part a set of criteria by which new projects would have to be reviewed.

The Task Force will discuss modifications to the Complete Streets resolutions at its next meeting. A subcommittee might then draft a resolution to be presented to the town and village boards in February.

Bob had emailed to the members the resolutions from Massena, Ogdensburg, and Canandaigua. Ethan volunteers to set up a Google Docs folder for members to add their suggestions for revised resolutions. Brian will email Ethan links to the current Canton resolutions.

New Members

Dave Barnes and Dan Dominie agreed to join the Complete Streets Task Force. Klaus will recommend their appointment at that nights Village Board meeting, and Bob will present their names at the next Town Board meeting.

Phil LaMarche has expressed interest in joining the Task Force after he comes off the Town Board in January. When we meet in January we will need to make some organizational meetings, including electing a chair.

Signage

Toby is getting together materials to present to Terry McKendree for his ideas about creating the signs. He has talked with Adam Ahlquist about designing the text and logo. Adam has sent him some examples of his other work and will be sending him some proposals in the next two weeks.

Klaus said it would be good to get an estimate of costs to the village by February. There is \$10,000 remaining in the budget for the Remington Trail project.

Miner Street

We are waiting some preliminary ideas for what could be done to improve the section of Miner Street between Clark St. and the Miner Street Bridge.

We are seeking to arrange a meeting with members of the Task Force, St. Lawrence University, and the village and town. Klaus has discussed this with the mayor, Mike Dalton, and Mike has had some discussion with Dan Seaman, Chief Facilities Officer at St. Lawrence University.

[Note: After the meeting, Toby arranged a meeting with him, Brian, Mary Ann Ashley, and Mike Dalton to talk about Miner Street, to be held Monday, 12/23, at 1:30 pm]

Judson Street

Klaus will be meeting with Mike Dalton in January to figure out what could be implemented from the recommendations by Erik Backus and the Task Force. Members of the Task Force should take part in these discussions.

Erik's proposal includes the town section of Judson Street, and includes an off-road path and crossing at 310.

County-Village-Road Anomalies

Bob reported that there are some sections of road for which it is unclear who has responsibility for maintenance:

- CR27 (Park Street) from SLU Facilities Road to Little River Bridge
- CR27 (Riverside Drive) from the "old" village limit to the town line.

Both sections have fallen between the cracks of village and county maintenance responsibility. The village has annexed the adjoining land but responsibility for road maintenance wasn't picked up. The county would like the village to take responsibility.

Next meeting: Monday, 1/13/20 at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted: Brian Gardam