

Canton Complete Streets Task Force

August 26, 2019

Present:

Committee members: Valerie White, Klaus Proemm, Toby Irven, Brian Gardam

Guests: Leigh Rodriguez

Pedestrian-activated crossing lights

Valerie noted appreciation for the installation by the village of the pedestrian-activated crossing lights in front of Morgan's. However, the button for the light on the park side of the street is not accessible by someone in a wheelchair without first partially entering the street. There are some loose bricks in the way, and the pole with the button is too close to a telephone pole. Valerie had alerted Village Superintendent Brien Hallahan of the problem, and Brien instructed village workers to remove the bricks and determine what could be done to correct the problem.

Miner Street and Miner Street Road

Brooks Washburn, architect, has done preliminary consulting work for the town, with a budget that was submitted in the CFA proposal for Miner Street Road and Willow Island. Leigh noted that the town would have to pay for a complete survey if the grant is received.

Klaus will ask Mayor Dalton for an update on St. Lawrence University's commitment to improve the village section of Miner Street from Clark Street to the Bridge. Complete Streets should come up with recommendations for this section.

Judson Street

Erik Backus from Clarkson did an oral report to the Village Board and is working on a complete report. Among other things, he is recommending raised crossings at Pleasant and Famer Streets.

There is a possibility that the other pedestrian-activated light the village purchased with grant funds may be placed on Main Street rather than on Judson Street. Brien has renewed his request to New York State DOT to place it at the intersection of Main and Crescent.

Role of Complete Streets Task Force

The group discussed the value of having the resolution authorizing Complete Streets to be incorporated into the village code. The original intent was the Complete Streets would have a role in reviewing and making recommendations for projects that potentially affected street safety. Klaus will propose a meeting with Mayor Dalton and Supervisor Ashley, along with perhaps the zoning codes enforcement officer and Superintendent Hallahan to discuss the role of the task force. Klaus will also review the Ogdensburg City complete streets code to come up with a proposed code for Canton.

Brian said he could submit the minutes of Complete Streets meetings to be published on the town and village website.

Trail System

Toby noted that weed whacking and mowing needs to be done along the Remington Trail, including at the Park of the Imagine Nation. At the park, the top of the fencing and the roof of the playhouse need refinishing, along with the carved animals. Bill Coakley told Toby we would donate materials.

Toby will talk to Terry McKendrew, who chainsaw-carved the animals in the park, about the best way to preserve them.

The group discussed new signs for both the Remington Trail and parts of the Canton trail system. A simple common logo could be on signs for each site to identify the trail. Leigh said she could talk to a graphic artist who has done some work for the Chamber of Commerce.

The trail system kiosks in town need rehabilitation and the one in front of the old McDonalds may need to be moved. It would be good to have the new logo on them. The kiosks are located at:

- McDonalds
- Partridge Run Golf Course
- Canton Pavilion
- SUNY Canton
- St. Lawrence University

Next Meeting

Monday, Sept. 9, 12:00 pm, Canton Municipal Building