

Joint Meeting  
Complete Streets Task Force & Canton Trails Committee  
Monday, June 10, 2019  
Canton Municipal Building

Present: Mike Dalton (Canton Mayor), Klaus Proemm, Carol Pynchon, Beth Larrabee (Village Trustees), Bob Washo (Town Board member), Karen Bage (St. Lawrence Health Initiative), Toby Irven, Valerie White, Brian Gardam, Ethan Townsend (Complete Streets), Dakota Casserly, John Kennedy (Trails Committee), Leigh Rodriguez (Economic Development), Eric Backus, Sam ?, Anna, Autumn, Paul (Clarkson University)

I. Judson Street Study

Karen Bage reminded the group that the Health Care Initiative provided funds for the Village of Canton to contract with Eric Backus at Clarkson University to have students conduct a study of Judson Street for the purposes of enhancing pedestrian and cycling safety.

Eric Backus and Sam described the nature of the project, to be conducted by the students Anna, Autumn, and Paul.

- Beginning Wednesday, June 12, the team will begin observations on Judson Street at peak traffic periods: morning commute and start of school, lunch time, end of school and evening commute. They may repeat these observations if they determine it is necessary to collect sufficient data.
- This will be followed by a topographic survey of Judson Street
- They will set up signs to alert passersby of their presence. They will be wearing yellow vests. Mayor Dalton agreed that no further permits or signage would be required.
- They will reach out to the community to survey residents about traffic and safety issues.
- The end goal is to present a paper with initial concepts and plans that can guide further study.

Mayor Dalton will develop a list of the residents on Judson Street, and Eric will write a description of the project that the village will mail out. Beth said that she can arrange for announcements to be made through the school. Carol said that an announcement of the survey can be sent to NorthCountry Now to be posted on their web site.

Eric agreed that he would probably be ready to present a report at the August 5 meeting of Complete Streets.

At that point, all the participants left except for members of the Complete Streets Task Force and the Trails Committee, and Leigh, and Carol.

II. Projects needing attention

Toby presented a list of activities that needed follow-up:

- Miner Street Road preliminary study. The town just opened two proposals for a preliminary engineering study of Miner Street Road. The town board will be making a decision about which engineering firm to select for the study.
- State Street Stakeholders Group. CCS had agreed to help convene the group after June 10.

- Remington Trail Maintenance. The wild parsnip is growing along the trail, including near the Park of the Imagine Nation and the entrances to the trail from Sullivan Drive. It must be addressed to keep it under control, if not eradicated. Wild parsnip will bloom in July, tempting children to pick it. It was sprayed last fall after the growing season, but Toby had not seen evidence that it had been cut back or sprayed this year. Carol asked Mayor Dalton to rejoin the meeting. He said it was his understanding that Brien Hallahan was following a control plan under the advice of Cornell Cooperative Extension. There is only one person on the village crew who is certified to do spraying. The supervisor of the golf course is responsible for mowing along the trail. The Mayor will check with Brien about what has been done so far, and will report back to the committee through Klaus.
- Crossing Lights and Road Painting. The lights in front of Morgan's is to be installed soon. Mayor Dalton noted that village crews are busy with milling in preparation for road resurfacing but expected that the Park Street cross lights will be installed shortly. The location of the lights to be installed on Judson Street will be determined following the Clarkson study.

### III. Reorganization

The work of the Complete Streets Committee and the Canton Trails Committee overlap, and several people are members of both committees. It was agreed that the committees should be combined. There can be separate subcommittees for complete streets, off-road trails, and other non-vehicular travel issues. The combined committee would be comprised of all the members, so that everyone can have input. Proposals and recommendations from the joint committee would then be made to the village and town boards, including requests for funding and preparation of grant proposals. The committee members who are village trustees and town board members will report the actions and requests of the joint committee to their respective boards. We will decide on a name for this joint committee later.

Bob Washo agreed to chair the joint committee.

Toby nominated Ethan Townsend to be appointed to the Complete Streets Task Force. The joint meeting of the town and village boards would be held later that day. Bob and Klaus asked Ethan to send them a brief resume so they could put forward his name for appointment to Complete Streets.

Respectfully submitted: Brian Gardam