

Canton Complete Streets Task Force
&
Canton Trails Committee
October 21, 2019

Present

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

Town and Village board: Bob Washo, Klaus Proemm

Other: Leigh Rodriguez, Brien Hallahan

Membership

Klaus announced that Valerie White has resigned from the committee. He mentioned that Dave Barnes is interested in the work of the Task Force, and Phil LaMarche is interested in joining the committee in January, at the conclusion of his Town Council term.

Signage

The goal is to standardize the whole trail system. This will require concurrence with SUNY Canton and SLU. Ethan explained the procedure for getting approval from SLU – the proposal will eventually have to go to the university’s building and ground committee. He will research the criteria for signs. John will make inquiries at SUNY Canton.

Toby, Ethan, John, and Dan Dominie agreed to form a subcommittee to develop specifications for signage.

Judson Street

Brien reported on ideas for making space for the bus stop in front of the DSS building. We could have 3 lanes from Court Street that would return to 2 lanes by Goodrich Street. The lane next to the curb would be just for buses. He suggested painting the two center lines first and do the fog lanes (bicycle shoulder lines) later. The county would do it for \$350 a mile.

Erik Backus will be making a presentation on the Judson Street study to the Canton Village Board meeting that evening. Karen Bage from the St. Lawrence Health Initiative will also be there: The Initiative funded the study.

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Pedestrian Controlled Lights

Brien explored with DOT the idea of installing the pedestrian cross-walk equipment on Main and Pleasant Streets. DOT had parameters we would have to meet for them to agree to a pedestrian-controlled light. We don’t meet one of the criteria which requires having the crosswalk used by 20 pedestrians or cyclists per hour. The preference would be to place the equipment at Judson and Farmer Streets. Other possibilities would be Goodrich Street or the DSS building.

At the existing pedestrian lights in front of Morgan’s, Brien plans to install a bump-out for the post on the Park side of the street to make it easier to press the button without going into the street. He is still researching how the lights might be modified to address the problem for a person with epilepsy.

Miner Street

Bob noted that WCT Surveyors will be doing a survey on Miner Street to help plan for pedestrian and bicycle safety.

Bob suggested that the committee send a letter to both town and village boards requesting that they arrange a meeting with SLU to discuss Miner Street Plans.

Minutes submitted: Brian Gardam