

Complete Streets Task Force MEETING – via ZOOM

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Approved Minutes

Present:

Complete Streets: Toby Irven, Kara McLuckie, David Barnes, Brian Gardam, Phil Lamarche

Board Members: Bob Washo (Town), Klaus Proemm (Village), Carol Pynchon (Village)

Guests: Leigh Rodriguez

A. Toby called the meeting to order at 11:04 am

B. Minutes from June and July 2020 meetings.

a. July minutes: All approved

b. June minutes: All approved

C. Old Business

a. Judson St. update

i. Klaus reported that the paint needed came in after some delay, so striping will proceed soon. This will include the crossings at Farmer, Pleasant, and Goodrich.

b. Participants noted other places requiring painting:

i. Striping on Sullivan Drive;

ii. Park Street: Handicapped parking places in front of library and in Park Place, crossings and center striping.

iii. Klaus will bring these to the attention of the new DPW Superintendent.

c. Outer Judson Street:

i. Bob plans to recommend at the Town Board meeting to pave through the Ames Rd. intersection.

ii. Bob reported that doing some stretches of other roads will be paved this summer, including on the Kelly Rd. Toby noted that when the intersection of the Irish Settlement Rd. and CR15 was rebuilt a couple of years ago, Terry Billings, Highway Superintendent, did a nice job broadening the apron of the intersection to give cyclists a paved space to land. Terry did similar improvements on the Lincoln Rd.

d. Miner St. Project update

i. Within a number of weeks, a new village DPW Superintendent will be hired. Klaus will check with the mayor if paving on Miner Street will be done before the new superintendent is hired. Are we assured that the table crosswalk will be installed, and the work will be in accord with the agreement with SLU? [After the meeting, Brooks Washburn confirmed with Toby that he is not acting as clerk of the works.]

- ii. On the town section of Miner Street Road, Bob reported that in the next 48 hours, a letter will be sent to the landowner's about moving the utility poles.
 - e. Communication with NYS DOT re: SH68 paving.
 - i. DOT says they are not doing anything in response to the resolutions from the town and village because the changes requested require too much expenditure. They plan to implement a center rumble strip. Meeting participants felt this presented a hazard to cyclists since it forces cars to the side of the road. DOT's position is that it reduces car crashes by alerting drivers that they are crossing the middle of the road.
 - f. New CSTF candidate members
 - i. Klaus and Bob can nominate Phil Lamarche at the next Town and Board meetings.
 - ii. Bob Washo has a recommendation for another member who could speak to accessibility issues. Bob will inquire of the person.
- D. New Business
 - a. Website Project – updates & additional information – from draft circulated
 - i. Toby will welcome comments to add to the list of tasks to be addressed by Complete Streets.
 - b. Draft Committee Resolution to Town Board, re: CR 27 speed limit
 - i. The Task Force reviewed Dan Dominie's arguments in his letter for lowering the speed on outer Riverside Drive – CR27. Traffic tends to drive fast coming into the village, which is a problem for other users, and for the additional housing that has gone up in this section. The consensus of the Task Force was to send a recommendation to Town Board.
 - c. Discussion of use of Remington Trail by Train Ride Vendor.
 - i. The mayor advised Toby and Bob of a request to use Remington Trail from Ben Smith's Locomotiverides.com (<https://bcs320.wixsite.com/website>). The company proposed to operate a miniature train for children to ride, as they had been doing at the St. Lawrence Centre Mall. Meeting participants expressed concern that it would be in a hazard for other users of the trail, and that it would be encouraging use of motorized vehicles that are not permitted on the trail.
- E. Committee Reports
 - a. Signage Project
 - i. The big signs up. Small signs will be put up on metal posts. Terry McKendree is still working on the mileage/kilometer markers.
 - b. Draft Code for Complete Streets.
 - i. Village - Brian moved to send to submit the recommendations to the village, Ethan seconded, all approved. Carol noted that this is good timing, as the village is engaged in reviewing and revising the codes. She reported that in hiring new highway superintendent, the Village Board determined to have an infrastructure committee to work with and support the superintendent. Dave Barnes agreed to act as liaison with the Village Board in terms of preparing any changes from the draft. Brian will send pdf and Word versions to Klaus and Carol.

- ii. Town – Bob noted that the Town has not started the recodifying process. Bob will review the draft which has been circulated. He recommended that CSTF meet with the consultant who is working with town on recodification.
- c. Software exploration update – Discussion postponed.
- d. Park of the Imagine Nation
 - i. The Park is open. Toby reported that the toys have been distributed, the park has been cleaned and mowed and sculptures have been varnished.
 - ii. Toby urged that aggressive village action be taken on dealing with the wild parsnip growing on the trail. Carol mentioned that clarity has not been achieved regarding the Recreation Department assuming responsibility for trail maintenance. Members of CSTF will meet with the Recreation Committee to discuss.

F. Future Meeting Date

- a. Toby will do a doodle poll, for a meeting to take place on or about Sept. 8.
- b. The Task Force extends an invitation to the new DPW Superintendent to come to our next meeting to get acquainted with the group. Klaus will extend the invitation.

G. Other Business

- a. No other business was raised.

H. Adjourn

- a. 12:12 pm

Respectfully submitted: Brian Gardam