

Complete Streets Task Force MEETING – via ZOOM

Wednesday, April 28, 2021
11:00AM

Attendance:

CSTF: Toby Irven, Kara McLuckie, David Barnes

Town: Bob Washo

Village: Klaus Proemm, Carol Pynchon, Leigh Rodriguez, Marty Miller

Guests: Dave Murphy

A. Call to Order

Toby called the meeting to order at 11:04 AM.

B. January 19, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

The Task Force members approved the minutes. Kara will send a note to Brian Gardam to have them posted on the Canton web site.

C. Old Business

a. Judson St. update

The Village is aiming to begin work in May:

1. Install solid, raised, curb to curb crosswalk near the Pleasant St intersection, which will include signage (NYS law) and on-crosswalk painting (triangles, stripes, the color should be consistent with other crosswalks in the village);
2. Marty will send a list of line paint color choices to CSTF for input on selecting colors;
3. Stripes in front of Smith Building are on hold until the county completes necessary measurements.
4. Judson arm through village: Pedestrian and bike path markings will be completed. Green paint in shoulder for “trail” to demarcate pathway for pedestrians. The green striping will resemble a crosswalk and measure one foot wide.

b. Miner St. Project update

1. A raised crosswalk will be installed;
2. National Grid has measured and will move electrical poles. Brooks Washburn, Architect, and an engineering firm to be named will start the design, possibly in the autumn once measurements are finalized and poles are moved. Paving may begin in 2022.

c. Roadway painting

1. Line design and spacing: Consistency is a key design element for the trail connectors in the village. Klaus will send green paint patterns models to the CSTF for input on the design;
2. Current design standards: A white fog line is required by NYS. The green for the trail will be placed on the shoulder side of the white fog line. The “trail” will be about 10 feet with stripes running perpendicular or diagonal to the fog line, with the spacing between the green lines to be determined;
3. “Trail” striping on Miner Street bridge: Driving lanes should be 10 feet, pedestrian lanes should be 5 feet for both sides of roadway.

d. Other CSTF member candidates.

Two names were suggested. Toby will follow up.

D. New Business

a. The Task Force discussed the following activities for the 2021 season:

1. Trail through village
2. Budget planning for Judson St. improvements.
3. Aiming to finish striping in May

b. Road improvement projects – Village

1. Church St: mill and fill, upgrades made for the water shut off;
2. Judson St to Fischer St mill and fill, the remainder will be addressed with to CSX once the plan for the train tracks is approved;
3. Rushton Drive-- mill and fill;
4. Pearl St—extensive work is planned;
5. Trail connectors should start being mapped and painting while paving is being considered. Toby and Marty will begin planning connectors;
6. Sidewalk plan—budget request will be made for funding - there are many locations that need replacement
7. Street signs— It was suggested to have uniform posts, with decorative signs that support community identity and a consistent aesthetic. The signage could also highlight trail location. There was a suggestion for identifying grant money for a street sign project.

b. Road improvement projects - Town:

1. Anticipating issuing a paving bid with the county, since the town and county are working together. The town will provide trucking support while the country provides equipment for paving;
2. Bob has sent list of town projects which Toby will send out to the CSTF;
3. Extensive repair and paving needs to be done throughout the town;
4. A letter about town road projects will be drafted for release to the community;
5. Based on figures from 2020 the paving projects will cost about \$460,000, plus milling costs

Toby reiterated the safety advantages of having wide paved aprons at stop signs for town roads. He claimed that wide aprons help keep cyclists off the roadway and out of the shoulder sand. Toby requested that wide aprons be included in the paving plans.

E. Grant award for Main St. – Leigh and Klaus

1. Leigh reported on a \$500,000 NY Main Street Grant to renovate buildings, Main St and side streets. Eight buildings have been selected;
2. \$60,000 is available for streetscape. The village requested \$45,000 for sheltered bike park stations. The grant favors projects that link to COVID for more money. Since cycling has increased during COVID, the bike park stations may be favorable. The proposed locations include the bank on Main St, and Hodskin St. parking lot. The Village Green was proposed as an alternative location for a bike shelter.
3. Klaus invited anyone from the CSTF to join him for an environmental review, which is required by NYS, and for which \$13,400 is budgeted;
4. Additional grant project ideas:
 - i. Streetscapes work can commence after renovation projects from the larger grant begin;
 - ii. Museum in the streets walking tour (\$22,000)—signs with historic photos and accompanying write ups
 - iii. Alley between glow and pear tree—public gathering place, “gallery alley” temporary installation of art, chairs and lighting, project in conjunction with SLC arts council, SLU art dept, murals
5. Committees for Streetscape, environmental review will need to be formed, and discussions with consultants still need to be done as well as write ups and reports.
6. How can CSTF fulfil an educational component and support the grant as per the CSTF mission? Toby called for volunteers to work on education piece. No one volunteered at this time.

F. Committee Reports

- a. Signage Project – Toby
 1. Remington Trail imperial and metric measures are installed as well as main location signs;
 2. Toby initiated call for press to publicize the trail improvements;
 3. All signage will be finished soon.

A. Draft Village Code – Klaus/Carol

- a. Draft code is 90 to 95% done with a public release date of late spring or early summer 2021
- b. Tim Nolan, new village Code Officer, is now on code committee
- c. First reading/discussion of Town Code draft is on hold until 2022.

B. Software exploration update

- a. Jim Sheppard – On hold.

C. Park of the Imagine Nation and Remington Trail – Toby

1. Open and clean up park, with a Park Cleanup Day Sat or Sun May 8 or 9 11am. This will involve about 2 hour with a small group;
2. Toby is looking for animal waste disposal ideas;
3. Marty will research prices for crack filling on Remington Trail to repair recurring longitudinal cracks.

D. Other Business

Dave Murphy raised the issue of noise pollution on Main Street with trucks and air braking seeming to be above NYS standards. Murphy cited the Gartner Magic Quadrant Report for 2020 regarding noise pollution standards.

It was suggested to invite Chief of Police for Canton to meeting to discuss enforcement solutions. Additional proposed actions to address this problem:

- a. Follow up with these agencies:
 - i. NYS Police
 - ii. Department of Transportation
- b. Check and update or include noise pollution proposals to the village and town boards.
- c. Keep these issues out front and visible to push for recognition and solutions.

E. Adjourn

Toby adjourned the meeting at 12:08 PM

Recorded by Kara McLuckie

Respectfully submitted by Brian Gardam