

# Complete Streets Task Force MEETING – via ZOOM & In-Person

Tuesday, November 22, 2021

## Approved Minutes

Present:

Task Force: Toby Irven, Kara McLuckie, Ethan Townsend, Dave Murphy

Others: Carol Pynchon, Jim Santimaw, Leigh Rodriguez, Klaus Proemm, Bob Washo, Marty Miller

### A. Call to Order

- a. Toby Irven called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

### B. Approve minutes from October 2021 meeting.

- a. The minutes for the October 2021 meeting were not available. Approval was deferred.

### C. Discussion with Chief Santimaw

- a. Toby introduced Chief Jim Santimaw and noted the Task Force's desire to involve the police as we talk about improvements and changes to Canton Streets.

- b. Farmer St./State St/ Canton Central School safety issues & pathways and traffic calming measures

- i. Chief Jim Santimaw reported that he, Mayor Dalton, and Superintendent of Public Works Marty Miller met with the School Superintendent Ron Burke and consultant Erik Backus. They discussed the traffic light near the school. The light is not at the intersection with driveway and cannot be seen from the drive coming out of the school. The Chief said he would be proponent of a pathway to the ball fields so students would not be on the road. He also said he would be on board with a raised table cross walk from Farmer Street. The school is changing its plans for crossing guards, with everyone crossing at one place on State Street.
- ii. One problem is that village limits end near the school. Canton police jurisdiction can extend just 500 feet past that. The village police do not have control beyond Sullivan Drive. Bob Washo reported that ownership of outer State Street did not change from the village to the town, contrary to what some have believed. We should expand the school zone from Sullivan to Woods drive. Bob said the town would have no problem with extending the school zone to the town section of Judson Street. Marty said that DOT representatives from Malone can come to talk to him about where the school zone can be.
- iii. Marty suggested that we have a digital speed sign that controls speed during school days at drop-off and pick-up times. People ignore flashing lights that are on constantly. The Chief notes that he has seen signs that say "When lights are flashing, speed limit is (10 miles slower)". It could have the benefit that if we can get traffic to slow down, people may choose another route for their commute. Marty suggested we have flashing speed lights be at both ends, at the intersections of Woods and Sullivan Drives.
- iv. Farmer Street: The group discussed adding tabletop raised intersection crossings at both ends of Farmer Street to slow traffic. We would also ideally have something in the middle of Farmer Street. However, there is no west side sidewalk from State St. to Mildon Rd., so a raised crosswalk at Mildon would take people across to a section with no sidewalk. It may be time to revisit the issue of completing a sidewalk on the west side of Farmer.

- v. Toby noted that it would be good to have a school board member on the Complete Streets Task Force. We should also have a meeting with the school board to specifically discuss the path to the ball fields. He will call Ron Burke to try to set up a meeting.
- c. Other cross-walk improvements:
  - i. Install flashing cross walk signals on Judson, State, and possibly Main. Main street would require approval of NYS DOT. Dave Murphy and Marty will approach DOT about this. The Chief would like to have pedestrian-controlled flashers at Judson and Farmer after the table-top intersection is installed.
  - ii. Signage for crossing Judson Street at the DSS block: The village had wanted to create a bus lane, but the utility companies wanted a lot of money to raise their lines to make it possible. The Chief suggested that we ask the county to cover cost of pedestrian controlled lights at DSS.
- d. Noise issues on Main St.
  - i. Dave Murphy noted that jake braking (engine speed reduction) is a continuous noise problem. State law says that decibel levels up to 86 is allowed. Can we enforce that? The Chief said that we don't want to be telling trucker they cannot use the best way to slow or stop their trucks. DOT would not allow township to put up signs about enforcement of noise levels. The police department does not have a decibel meter. Since the department does not have a meter, and we do not have a particular decibel level written into village code, we do not have to use decibel meter to deal with other noise issues, such as loud parties. The police can pull trucks over without decibel meter if they are making excessive noise.

#### D. Old Business

- a. Many old business issues on the agenda were included in the discussion above. Others were placed on hold due to lack of time.

#### E. New Business

- a. No new business was raised.

#### F. Committee Reports

- a. The following reports were placed on hold due to lack of time:
  - i. Intra-Village Trail connectors working group report; mtg. with Erik Backus on-site. Kara
    - 1. Clarifying memo to Erik Backus
  - ii. Pathway from CCS to Sullivan Dr. leaders report. Klaus/Beth
  - iii. Canton Trail Signage Project; awaiting Marty's work – Toby
  - iv. Draft Village Code – Klaus/Toby
  - v. First reading/discussion of Town Code draft – On hold.
  - vi. Park of Imagine Nation and Remington Trail; task list forwarded to Meghan – Toby

#### G. Adjourn

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15.