

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

Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 1:00pm

APPROVED MINUTES

Present:

Committee: Toby Irven, Kara McLuckie, Brian Gardam, Ethan Townsend, Dave Murphy

Other: Bob Washo, Klaus Proemm, Marty Miller, Leigh Rodriguez

A. Call to Order

- a. Toby called the meeting to order at 1:04

B. Approve minutes from August, 2021 meeting.

- a. Duly approved

C. Old Business

a. Miner St. Project update

- i. Bob reported that Verizon started to take care of moving their wires to the new poles. They expect to be done in next couple of weeks. Bob is waiting to hear from Brooks Washburn regarding what Tisdale is proposing for drainage design.

b. Roadway painting

- i. Toby noted that on Judson Street that the crosswalk near Pleasant Street was not clearly visible at night before you hit it. Kara has had the same experience. Marty reported that the marking uses glass beads on reflective paint. He suggests that the village can also have more paint further up from the crosswalk. There was a suggestion to have the sign in the road say “bump”, but that would not work in winter when there is snow cover. Marty noted that calming devices are meant to train people to slow down. Dave Murphy observed that he thinks the crosswalk table has been effective from this perspective.

c. Discussion on best-practices

- i. Dave Murphy has a document on traffic calming measures from the Federal Highway Authority that he will send out to the group.

d. Location for the remaining cross walk Flashing Signals, previously purchased.

- i. Toby had sent out statement as a draft recommendation for the board, that the CSTF would recommend that the new pedestrian controlled light be installed at Judson St cross walk at Pleasant Street. We discussed whether it would be better to have the sign at Farmer St. To install it there we would have to wait for the crosswalk work to get done next year. Dave asked if having it on Main Street/Route 11 is a closed issue because of the need for approval from the state. Klaus will check with Gerry Dusharm, village attorney. Toby has asked Chief Santimaw to give his opinion on the best location. Toby withdrew his recommendation, but committee agrees with using a formal resolution process for communicating with the Town and Village Boards.

- ii. Regarding a flashing light at the school on State St., Marty suggested that we need a light that is timed to flash automatically at beginning and end of the school day.

D. New Business

- a. Discussion/recommendation on Main St. “noise pollution” issue
 - i. Dave noted that by law trucks have maintain a noise level stay below 80db. We discussed putting out signs on the approached to the village that noise ordinances are enforced. We would then need to plan a strategy of enforcement. We agreed to invite Chief Santimaw to our next meeting to discuss the issue.
 - ii. Bob had observed a vehicle “blowing coal” on the previous Saturday morning. The driver did it every time he passed a group of people. This is another issue for enforcement.

E. Committee Reports

- a. Intra-Village Trail connectors working group report
 - i. Kara’s presentation: The big question is what to prioritize

Kara presented existing and proposed trails maps from the Canton Master Trail Plan and outlined areas where further investigation and planning proposals to the village board would help move the intra-village plan forward. Current options for priority areas included moving parking off-street to clear Park from Main to railroad tracks, and striping Park Street for bike lane.

Toby: Keep focus on intra-village connectors

Bob said the question is how do we shuttle cyclists through Canton from Ogdensburg to the Adirondacks with safe passage through downtown? It would be helpful to the downtown businesses to have cyclists move through the area. In the past a pedestrian bridge over Rt 11 by Best Western has been proposed.

Dave: We need to prioritize what will have the largest impact on day to day use, so perhaps focus on the proposed trails (marked in purple on the proposed trail map) that are well used. He sees a connection from Remington Recreational Trail to Taylor Park as a big benefit to the community. Are there additional route options that might incorporate Gouverneur Street to Bend in the River Park? Dave also asked how Main Street traffic flow could go more smoothly. Court/Park/Main Streets intersection are very busy; how would routing vehicle traffic away from that area help pedestrian and bike traffic through downtown Canton?

Toby: Let’s not give up on Main, Court, Park Streets intersection. Moving parking off-street before and after the intersection would be helpful; light timing may contribute to the traffic bottleneck on Main.

Klaus: State Street has been added to Eric Backus’s list for his assessment. The Backus report on State Street may have been submitted just prior to today’s CSTF meeting; let’s find out if St. Lawrence Health Initiative monies can be used to fund the studies; village has discussed bypass possibilities for Main Street in the past to minimize congestion; 18,000 cars go through Main Street per day.

The consensus was that the priority for further investigation and recommendations to the Village of Canton Board are Court/Park/Main Streets intersections because it is a necessary path of travel for cyclists and pedestrians, provides direct access for non-motorized vehicles and pedestrians to downtown businesses, and connects to roadways that travel north, south, east, and west out of the village to carry cyclists to other areas of the town and St Lawrence county.

- b. Pathway from CCS to Sullivan Dr. leaders report.
 - i. No new action. Bob suggested inviting Danny Thomas from the School Board to be on Complete Streets task force. He could be a bridge to the school and school resources.
- c. Draft Village Code
 - i. The draft was completed by Carol Pynchon and Toby, with suggestions from Dave Murphy.
- d. Park of Imagine Nation and Remington Trail;
 - i. Toby will be talking further with Meghan, Recreation Director, about divvying up the work and task lists.

F. The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm