

Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
April 13, 2016

7:36 PM Meeting called to order

Attending Committee Members were: Soraya Stevens, Margot Fleischman, Shawn Hannegan, Casey Ackerman, and Stacy Chandler

Guests: Ran Yaniv and Adrienne St John

Motion to accept minutes of the previous (3/9/2016) meeting with amendments, seconded and approved unanimously.

7:37 PM Selectmen Update

- Wilson Road sidewalk discussion. No posted speed limit, so it is defaulted 30 mph.
 - Wilson Road is a “scenic road”, so trees and walls are under the jurisdiction of the planning board.
 - Problem with “low side” (east) sidewalk, but the problem is the houses are below grade.
 - There is enough right-of-way to move the walls, put up retaining walls, and putting the sidewalk on the east side.
 - There is more right of way on the west side. We’d need retaining walls on that side.
 - For the east side, is there enough room for the sidewalk if we move the stone walls.
 - Wilson was paved roughly 7 years ago, it will probably not need to be repaved for 10 years.
 - The issue with the east side of the road is the removal of the trees. The homeowners would need.
 - A rough estimate for this type of sidewalk would be \$500,000 because of the moving of the stone walls.
 - Are there traffic calming methods that could be employed?
 - Parking on the road during school hours
 - If the neighborhood decided they wanted to give an easement to the town to allow them to build a path across their property.
 - Could they put a stop sign on Wilson Road?
 - The town would need to make a finding that it was in compliance with the MUTCD. We need to find out if we meet the warrant for a yield sign. Adrienne does not think a stop sign would work at that intersection because it isn’t clear.
- Complete Streets
 - Track public transportation ridership
 - Conduct annual bicycle and pedestrian audits, and include tracking of students walking and bicycling to school
 - Infrastructure improvements (i.e. miles of new sidewalks, miles of bicycle accommodations)
 - Motion to approve the complete streets policy, seconded and passed unanimously.

8:50 PM Planning Board

- Sigh of relief – all of the articles the planning board sponsored passed
- The Page Place petitioners article did not pass
- Public hearing on Evergreen avenue plans.

9:05 Bike Ped MP non-infrastructure plans

- Complete streets policy – almost done
- Organize walking events
 - Coordinate a walk for healthy dining, in the summer – maybe some kind of incentive from participating businesses
 - Something around walking/biking for Bedford Day and Pole Capping
- Audit bus stops
 - Organize a TAC bike ride to visit all of the bus stops to rank them all
- Walk Audits vs Walk Counts, it seems like the BAC/TAC collaboration should be on the walk counts and the walk audits was TAC only

9:05 Misc

- Reminder to re-up by Apr 15

9:24 PM Adjourned