

**COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES November 28, 2018 3:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Berta Geller, Katie Ruppel, Tony Omer, Rachel Baumrin, Jane Rossi

**ABSENT:** Tony Higgins

**ALSO PRESENT:** Susan Silk

Berta opened the meeting at 3:15 PM.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Update on Otis Bassett Road Association, Elias Lane and Great Plains Road including State Forest:**

Berta stated that she would ask for an estimate from Liz Flannigan of HSH for engineering work on the first two sections of Old County Road Shared Use Paths. She said that state money cannot be spent on private land. We need to find out if there is an easement on Great Plains Road. Jane was asked to see if the path can be placed on the town property.

Berta said she still needs to write a letter to Mass DOT. She said we also need to find out which property the Elias Lane path and the ball field path are located on. She suggested we ask Bill Veno about rights of way. Tony said that the minimal widening of the path and the end of Great Plains Road that I think would be required to clean up the path to improve accessibility, could be looked at as creating a fire break of sorts. He said the committee should write a letter to the Great Plains Road Association and he will call Michael Jampel.

Jane informed the Committee that she had a discussion with Kate Warner who told her that Nab's Corner has a good connector path from the State Forest to Old County Road that would easily get cyclists to Scotchman's Bridge Lane and Panhandle Road. Rachel suggested we place some good signage and the beginning of the pathways and perhaps state that they are used "at your own risk."

**Susan Silk RE: Take a Break" Campaign:**

Susan stated that she had appeared before the Committee in August to talk about the ribbon cutting ceremony to place benches along the pathways/trails. She asked what the committee could do for her campaign. She said that she can walk from her house to Seth's Pond but needs to rest before returning home. Berta pointed out that the Complete Streets funding is to make improvements for walking, biking and busses. Rachel asked Susan what she wanted from the Committee. Susan said that they are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of their project and the plan is to place benches in other areas other than Sheriff's Meadow properties.

Katie said she had trouble with the idea of placing benches on Lambert's Cove Road because it is already too dangerous for pedestrians. Susan said the cars slow down when people walk on the road. Berta said that at this point, the Committee cannot buy benches for Susan's campaign. Susan said she would go back to the Selectmen to see if they will create a line item for her campaign.

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**Old County Road:**

Berta reported that she has asked Liz Flannigan of Howard Stein Hudson to come up with an estimate of the design work on Old County Road from State Road to Otis Bassett Road.

The board determined they will next meet on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:15 pm.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi