

## COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES November 6, 2017 3:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Berta Geller, Rachel Baumrin, Katie Ruppel, Tony Omer, Andrew Jephcote, Marc Rosenbaum, Jane Rossi

Berta opened the meeting at 3:00.

### MINUTES:

- Minutes of the September 7, 2017 meeting.

*Rachel moved and Tony seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended. The vote was unanimous.*

### • **Summary of the October 25, 2017 Meeting with the HSH Consultants:**

Berta stated that not a lot of surprises came out of the consultant's findings. Andrew said it was unfortunate that the State Roads would not be eligible for complete streets funding. Rachel pointed out that it was nice to know that we can re-apply annually for more funding. She said that expanding the shoulder of the roads would be more costly and more difficult than creating a bike path. Berta pointed out that the existing bike paths require frequent improvement because they deteriorate easily and often. Marc wondered what the consultant's strategy was. He suggested that we get an explication document to the consultants covering what this project means for us. Tony said that we as a board need to determine what projects are most important. Marc suggested the board "look at the whole, and cut out a slice to be complete streets funded." Berta said that the consultants are not used to working with a rural group.

There was a discussion about the multi-use paved paths along the roads in various areas. Some end abruptly then begin again further down the road. Some cross the road at dangerous curves and some have vegetation interrupting cyclists/pedestrian. The consultants said that the Complete Streets funds would not cover state roads, just the scenic roads. However, these pathways were installed at the hands of a town formed committee so perhaps the state only oversees the road itself. Jane said she would find out how the committee went about getting them installed and how it was funded. Andrew wanted to point out that the multi-use path should extend from beyond the Charter School to, at least the Gymnastics building.

A conversation ensued regarding signage. Katie said that the consultants highly suggest the use of signage in many aspects. Rachel showed the board an example of some signs on Nantucket that seemed tasteful. Berta found that the signage should be more obvious. She said that we need more wayfinding signs to off road pathways, etc. She suggested that the CS Committee hold a contest for graphic artists to come up with a design that might work for the town.

The committee suggested that Bill Venno be invited to our next meeting to discuss the possibility of utilizing some special ways/old trails for off road pedestrian/cycling travel.

The committee determined that it would be best if each member return to the next meeting with a list of their top five items for each district/area throughout the town that they deem is most critically in need of attention. The committee will meet the following Monday to discuss their findings.

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Marc stated that he sees this as a risk management plan. He said he looks at it as the likelihood that something *could* happen and the impact it could create. We need to look at where it feels like people could be killed-where are the high risk areas?

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Jane mentioned that Jen Rand was contacted by Northeastern University to see if we want to engage a group of students in a project. Berta mentioned that she saw a project that a group of students from the same program did a few years ago and thought it was quite good. We decided to continue to pursue this possibility.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi

Approved 11/28/17 Berta Gilla