

COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES June 8, 2017, 3:00 AM

PRESENT: Berta Geller, Rachel Baumrin, Andrew Jephcote, Kate Warner, Tony Omer, Steve Nierenberg, Marc Rosenbaum, Jane Rossi.

MINUTES:

The committee determined that it was best to hold off on approving the minutes until a later date.

●Review of Letters to BOS and MassDot:

Letter to the Selectman:

*Berta suggested that, in the first bullet point, it should say “state roads.”

*It was suggested that there be a defining path between Edgartown/WT Road and the state forest shared-use path along side of the ball field.

Letter to MassDOT:

*The letter should include a crosswalk from Waldron’s Bottom Road to the State Forest as had been requested on one of the displayed maps.

*There should be a speed limit reduction and expansion through the Mixed Business District.

Kate said she will meet with the Selectmen on Wednesday to discuss the letters.

Report of the meeting with Chief Rossi:

Berta explained that she and Marc had recently met with Chief Rossi to inquire about how best to approach the island police chiefs for a discussion about making our roads safer. Berta said that Chief Rossi suggested they contact Chief Belain of the Aquinnah P.D., to get on the agenda for the next Chief’s meeting. Berta and Marc also asked Dan if they could draft a letter to local “large truck and heavy equipment” businesses, reminding them to slow down and yield to cyclists and pedestrians by pulling away as they pass. The Chief said he would sign the letter. Kate suggested that the island chiefs draft a letter to the VTA and the tour bus companies. Jane volunteered to get a list of the businesses in West Tisbury that should receive the letter.

Berta said that the Chief agreed to the placement of flashing speed limit signs in various areas around town. He told her he has two signs at the station that could be used. Chief Rossi would like to see permanent speed signs placed at both ends of the Village district and the Chief would like to extend the placement of the Business District from Heather Gardens to near North Road. He has also asked his officers to watch out for distracted drivers.

Movie Night:

Kate reported that the movie, Bikes versus Cars, could be held on July 5th, July 12th or any Wednesday in August. She said that the technical person, Seth Cooperider, would have to be paid but the Grange Hall will not charge a fee. Seth will be getting in touch with Jane Rossi. Most of the committee felt that July 12th would be the best date to show the movie.

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Other Business:

Berta explained that the town is in line to receive funding to hire a consultant from Howard Stein Hudson (HSH). She said she is trying to move things along and is hoping the DOT contract will be here the first week in July. The prioritization plan will be due in September and the deadline after that is April. We are aiming for September. Kate suggested the committee write a letter stating we want to get this done by September. Berta said there are a lot of things we need to gather together. Steve said the committee needs clarification on deadlines.

Berta told the committee that she had taken a walk with James Lengyl, and she asked him if it would be possible to improve some landbank paths. He said that would be fine, however, the town would be responsible for the cost.

Berta mentioned that Mass Bike is our state bicycle advocacy organization and the committee members may want to join their group. She also said that she has spoken with Holly Nadler and she may do a story on bike safety for the newspaper.

Marc pointed out that law enforcement doesn't have a real sense about bike safety. It would be good if they were to spend some time biking throughout the town. He also pointed out that 40% of bike fatalities are hit from behind.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Rossi