

Attendees:

Tim Higgins
Chris Bibbo
Beth Reis
John Vancor
Kevin Kennedy
Deborah Howe
Ken Bassett

Guests:

Robin Wilkerson
Audrey Kalmus
Owen Beenhouwer

1. Old Winter Street Centerline Discussion

Robin and Owen described the traffic conditions on Old Winter Street and how they are made more challenging due to the narrowness of the road. Some drivers seem to view it as a one way road and at times travel at excessive speeds. The neighbor's proposal for a centerline stripe as a means for slowing traffic was deemed infeasible by Chris and John, due primarily to the narrow width of the road and prevailing state regulations that would require an engineering study to grant an exception. The Committee thanked Robin and Owen for their efforts and encouraged them to return at a future date should they have further thoughts/ideas.

2. Weston Road/Silver Hill Road Intersection Stop Sign Study.

Audrey Kalmus reviewed the neighbor's observations regarding the safety issues at the intersection. John Vancor shared a Memo prepared by his firm dated November 10, 2016 which supported the premise that installation of stop signs/stop bars on all approaches to the intersection would enhance safety for motorists as well as pedestrians, etc. Officer Surette's memo to Chief Kennedy dated 5 October 2016 underscored the safety issues that exist at the intersection and recommended that RTC look into improvements.

Based upon the recommendations and Committee discussion, the RTC recommends that the Selectmen authorize Chris Bibbo to proceed with installation of stop signs and stop bars on Weston Road at the intersection with Silver Hill Road (Silver Hill currently has a stop sign/stop bar). Furthermore, the Committee recommends that removal of trees that impair some sight lines be delayed and considered as a possible second phase.

3. Tower Road Design Discussion

Chris Bibbo confirmed that Tower Road and Deerhaven Road are on the list for future repaving. Chris noted that Tower Road has varying widths and that achieving an uniform width would require some removal of trees and stone walls. It was noted that widening to an uniform width

could promote greater speed. Tim Higgins reiterated the policy of the Town, supported by the RTC, that road repaving projects do not widen roads over existing conditions.

4. Complete Streets Update

Tim described the evolving Commonwealth's Complete Streets program which is becoming increasingly popular among communities. As such, there are some changes in the criteria and schedule for participation and Lincoln will be looking to apply for funds in Fiscal year 2018 assuming we are accepted into the program. The next formal step is adoption by the Board of Selectmen of the Complete Streets Policy statement, a draft of which will be distributed to RTC members. Several key points brought out in the discussion include:

- It is important that the strong community participation in the Complete Streets effort be reflected in the listing of priority projects.
- The committee's participation could be organized thematically in several broad categories such as upgrading of the roadside path network, cycling safety, pedestrian crosswalk improvements/expansion, transit related improvements, etc. These categories could then be translated into action plans that might lead directly to construction or more in-depth studies/analysis.
- The Complete Streets program, as such, is a funding source. If ideas generated for improvements here in Lincoln do not meet the criteria of the program, other funding sources will be considered such as Chapter 90 funds, etc.
- Tim, Jennifer, and Chris are currently working on a prioritized list of projects which they plan to share with the Board of Selectmen in early March. One of the projects on the list is expected to be the new sidewalk connecting St. Joseph's south to the former Cambridge Trust property.

The subject of crosswalks in Lincoln, both existing and possible new ones, led to two action items: first, Chief Kennedy will assign one of his officers or staff to photograph examples of how crosswalks are implemented in other Towns, and secondly, Tim indicated an interest in scoping a study of crosswalk design in Lincoln that could lead to a policy statement. Chapter 90 funds would be eligible to fund such a study.

5. Guard Rail projects

Chris indicated that contracts are in place for both the "nature rail" installation on Route 117 and the "fix-in-kind" demonstration project on Pierce Hill Road.

6. Farm signs on Codman Road

Codman Farm has requested the installation of farm/agricultural signs near the farm entrance on Codman Road similar to the ones that exist on 117 at Drumlin Farm. **The Committee supported the request and will convey a recommendation to the Selectmen.**