

## **Attendees**

Jonathan Dwyer  
Jane Herlacher  
Nancy Fleming  
Deborah Howe  
Chris Bibbo  
Kevin Kennedy  
Margaret Olson  
Paula Vaughn-MacKenzie  
Ginger Reiner  
Bob Wolf  
Ken Bassett  
John Vancor  
Scott Murphy  
Jim Henderson  
Stacey Carter  
John Mendelson

## **Minutes of the 17 December 2020 RTC meeting were approved**

### **BPAC Advisory Shoulder Update**

Bob Wolf and Ginger Reiner provided an overview of the BPAC Committee's efforts related to an advisory shoulder pilot project. Work has progressed on the topic since a year ago including a study of Baker Bridge Road as a pilot project. Given difficulties with roadway alignment issues and feedback from SOTT, the committee has determined that Farrar Road represents a more favorable road for an initial project and appears to enjoy community support. BPAC's goal is to install the advisory shoulder markings this spring or early summer. An important part of the plan would be to install a crosswalk connecting the roadside path on Route 126 with Farrar Road. Depending on the results of the pilot project the Committee is considering Old Sudbury Road as a second project although further study will be needed on feasibility issues.

Discussion touched on several issues including the need for traffic counts/speed data on 126 at the proposed pedestrian crossing, the pursuit of grant money to cover costs of a flashing beacon warning system for the crosswalk, and schedule for a phase 2 project (should it be deferred beyond this fall in order to more fully assess the pilot project's success?). RTC members expressed support for the BPAC initiatives and look forward to further coordination.

### **Review of 90% Documents for South Lincoln/Codman Path**

John Vancor and Scott Murphy reviewed the 90% construction documents for the Codman Path with a focus on design issues discussed in the 17 December RTC meeting, including:

- Roadway radius on the northwest corner: It was agreed that the plan will remain as previously recommended rather than be modified to accommodate semi-trailer trucks which are infrequent.
- Pedestrian crosswalk on the north side of the intersection: John's analysis confirms the grading issues related to a compliant crosswalk. A modified plan was presented that would alleviate the problem to a limited extent. It was agreed to defer this crosswalk but to anticipate its possible future implementation by realigning the south terminus of the new pathway.

- **Power pole:** Chris Bibbo reported that a plan for relocating the guy wire at the south terminus of the walk is being pursued.
- **Stone wall details:** section details of the two proposed stone walls were reviewed. It was agreed that the cap for the wall at Doherty's should create a 10" reveal on the path side using large cap stones to create more stability.
- **Fence:** detail for the split rail fence is needed. Discussion focused on using Black Locust posts which are more rot resistant, if available.

Overall, the plans met with approval, including provisions for protection of the magnolia trees. The extensive supplemental specifications for loam and seeding were seen as important leverage for controlling contractor performance although some simplification may be possible.

Based on results of this meeting, it is anticipated that Chris Bibbo, working with John Vancor, will complete the contract documents and proceed with advertisement for bidders.

### **General Discussion of Pathways**

A productive discussion ensued around the topic of planning for greater connectivity and utility of the Town's pathways, both those along roadways as well as off-road pathways through Conservation lands. The activities of BPAC, the Conservation Commission, LLCT, and RTC all touch on some aspect of the topic and it would appear that there is momentum for considering new ideas. A continuation of the conversation is anticipated.