

## **Amended Notes on RTC meeting of 14 February 2019.**

### Attendees

Jonathan Dwyer  
Kevin Kennedy  
Chris Bibbo  
John Vancor  
Deborah Howe  
Alex MacLean  
Jane Herlacher  
Margaret Olson  
Ken Bassett

### Guests

Rachel Drew  
John Carr

#### 1. Update on Review of Traffic Operations at the Silver Hill Road and Weston Road intersection.

The 3-way stop sign installation at the noted intersection was discussed as follow-up to the concerns raised in the RTC meeting of 9/27/2018. Several items were discussed::

- Communications between Town representatives and MassDOT officials confirmed that a decision to implement all-way stop control at the intersection was within the Town's jurisdiction. MassDOT has also confirmed that the specific MUTCD criterion used by the Town in supporting the use of all-way stop at this intersection is applicable under the Massachusetts Amendment to the MUTCD.
- Chief Kennedy confirmed that from Public Safety's point of view the all-way stop has increased safety for motorists as well as pedestrians and cyclists.
- Committee members confirmed their point of view that the posting is a significant safety improvement.
- Rachel Drew, a neighbor at 135 Weston Road, stated her support for the stop signs.
- John Carr, restated his opinion that the posting violates Mass DOT regulations.

Mr. Carr's objections were noted and the Committee confirmed its recommendation to the Selects that the 3-way stop be maintained.

#### 2. Proposed 5 Corners spring/summer work

Chris Bibbo presented preliminary plans for repaving the section of Bedford Road from approximately the 5 corners intersection north to the Old Lexington Road intersection. The need for repaving is due in part to a water main break that resulted in significant deterioration of the roadway surface. The improvement will be funded in part by funds from the Water Department. Curbing will be reset. Chief Kennedy requested that further inquiries be conducted with the gas company about leaks given the continued presence of gas odor.

A related project will be improvements to the west island where a shade tree was removed. Chris is considering installation of sloped curbing to define the edges of the island. Other improvements being considered include:

- Replacement tree planting(s) but not of the previous species (Yellowwood). Overhead wires limit the location and type of tree planting.
- Possibility of granite/cobble paving along the east end of the island where sandwich boards are frequently posted.
- On a related note the amount of time sandwich boards are allowed to remain and the quantity remains a discussion item. It was suggested that a discussion with Jennifer in the Planning Department would be timely.

A brief discussion considered an option for the redesign of the intersection but was tabled due to challenges of design as well as possible complexities of cost, right-of-way, etc.

Other spring/summer work by DPW may include roadside path repaving, participation in SLPIC initiatives, etc. Deborah expressed concern that repaving of a portion of the commuter lot is warranted given its condition and the degree to which it is a primary access route for Lincoln Woods residents. Chief Kennedy expressed interest in when repaving of 117 from the RR tracks to Weston Town line might occur. Chris indicated that chapter 90 funds are not adequate at the moment to take on a project of that size.

### 3. Route 2A Study Update/Other initiatives

- Chris indicated that Jennifer Burney and he will be attending a scoping meeting related to the proposed Route 2A safety study.
- Coordination between the new Bicycle Committee and RTC was discussed. Margaret and Jonathan will be members of the new committee.
- Chief Kennedy reported on discussions between Mass DOT and the Town regarding a plan to replace the RR overpass bridge on Route 126. The key issue is phasing and from the Town's point of view maintaining traffic over the RR during construction.
- Jonathan reported that he will be attending an Hanscom area towns committee meeting focused on crosswalks and bicycle/pedestrian safety. The subject is relevant to possible future RTC crosswalk deliberations.