

Attendees:

Deb Howe
Kim Bodnar
Ginger Reiner
Chris Bibbo
John Vancor
Paula Vaughn
Kevin Kennedy
Ken Bassett
John Nolan

1. Minutes of the June 22 RTC meeting were approved with the addition of Stacy Carter and Ken Bassett to the list of Attendees.

2. Weston Road/Moccasin Hill Road Intersection Update

- Implementation of this project will most likely be part of a contract that includes other small projects such as the Farrar Road/126 crosswalk. No specific date has been identified.
- John Vancor will further the conceptual plan to the point where a preliminary budget can be identified.

3. Codman Road/Roadside Path

- Chris Bibbo and John Vancor met with neighborhood representative John Nolan to review pedestrian safety issues on Codman Road near the Lincoln Road intersection. The sidewalk is heavily used by students and the proximity of the walk and vehicular travel lane are a safety concern.
- After discussing options for improving the situation, it was Chris and John's recommendation that edge fog lines be painted on both sides of the road between Lincoln Road and Route 117 using 10 feet as the travel lane width. The resultant travel lane narrowing is expected to reduce vehicular speed and importantly increase the distance between vehicles traveling west and pedestrians on the pathway. Mr. Nolan is supportive of this proposal.

4. Old Town Hall Crosswalk

- Chris Bibbo reported on field observations related to safety at the crosswalk adjacent to the Old Town Hall. Paula Vaughn and Officer Kennedy joined Chris in field investigation. Several incidents have occurred at the crosswalk.
- Based on field observation and measurements, Chris concluded that the crosswalk has adequate site distance for approaching vehicles. Excessive vehicle speeds also do not seem to be a factor although Chief Kennedy indicated that the police department will take new measurements. The issue that remains is more one of visibility of the crosswalk to approaching motorists.
- Visibility might be improved by relocating the crosswalk to the north near the Town offices but would entail major disruptions and costs related to site conditions such as existing stone walls, topography, etc. This option was discarded for further study.
- Other measures suggested to improve crosswalk visibility included flashing beacons, removal of foliage that cast shadows, or installation of speed tables. Due to site constraints, flashing

beacons would entail securing easements for support structures. Speed tables received considerable discussion and Chris and John will collect reference material on installations in neighboring towns for discussion at our next meeting. Communication with the Fire Chief will be important given concerns over speed tables causing disruption for emergency vehicles.

5. Motorists Give 4 ft to Pass signage

The advent of new signage conveying the message "Motorists Give 4 ft to Pass" was the subject of varied opinions on the need for the signage, in what numbers, and in what locations. The signs, which reflect recently passed regulations, were characterized as "instructive" to motorists and viewed as a benefit to both cyclists and pedestrians. Points noted in the discussion included:

- The new signs might replace some or all of the existing "cyclists may use full lane" signs. However, opinions were shared that the "full lane" message is still important and should remain, at least in part.
- Adding the signs to a post already containing the "full lane" signs creates message overload. Furthermore, the standard practice is to limit signs on one post to two signs. A majority of "use full lane" signs currently share a post with a speed limit sign.
- Adding new posts for a new sign raises issues of more hardware in the right of way. An option is to use an existing post which currently carries only one sign.

Further discussion on the matter is expected at the next Transportation coalition meeting and the next RTC meeting.

6. Signage at 5 Corners

It was noted that signs of various types are collecting at 5 corners. As of 24 August, there were 10 signs, some of which were out of date, in disrepair, or in violation of Town policy on what signs are allowed. Paula Vaughan reviewed current policy and will coordinate with the Town's enforcement officer on monitoring the situation.

7. Pedestrian Safety on Lincoln Road at the Mall

A brief discussion focused on the issue of pedestrian safety at the Mall area. This is anticipated to be an agenda at future RTC meetings, partly in response to a Town resident's outreach to the Selects to consider steps to increase safety. Paula noted that as part of current planning for new residential development it can be expected that the area will see significant changes. However, some improvements may still occur in the interim and John Vancor and Chris Bibbo will assemble existing base information for the area.