

Town of Guilford
Safe Streets Task Force
Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting, January 9, 2020
7:00 pm at Guilford community Center, Faulkner Room

Members present: *Chairman, Sam Gerritz; Melissa Shaw; Kimberly Schmid; Jim Bussmann; Holly Clune; Louis Mackall; Bob Yaro; Tim Sperry*

Others present: *Town Planner George Kral; Police Commissioner Mike Mikolay; Kristin Jones, Recording Secretary*

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sam Gerritz at 7:02 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of November 14, 2019 Minutes

Motion: *Tim Sperry made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 14 meeting as written, seconded by Bob Yaro and voted unanimously approved.*

In favor: *Sam Gerritz; Melissa Shaw; Kimberly Schmid; Jim Bussmann; Holly Clune; Louis Mackall; Bob Yaro; Tim Sperry*

Abstain: *none*

Oppose: *none*

2. Task Force Presence at the Planning and Zoning Meetings

Sam Gerritz asked if everyone knew when they signed up for the P&Z meeting. George Kral said it would be helpful if the person covering each meeting, speak to him before coming to the meeting. Best way to reach him is by phone.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Update from the Town Planner George Kral

On the agenda for the next P&Z meeting is commercial development on Route One West and one of the things P&Z will probably require is a sidewalk be constructed as part of the project. Bob Yaro asked for clarification if whether that is a requirement, or a recommendation for a sidewalk. George Kral said it is a policy that the town tries to follow for all commercial development on Route One requires sidewalk construction.

2. Update from Police Commissioner Mike Mikolay

Mike Mikolay handed out a press release that went out on January 1 regarding the public announcement of the safety unit in town. There are a number of people on various shifts working on focusing on traffic and looking at some of the complaints and issues that the commission receives. Mike Mikolay discussed the area on top of the green in which cars were parked right up against crosswalks. Mike Mikolay stated that the law states that cars should be parking 25 feet from a crosswalk and there are two problem spots right now. One is right across from the Congregational

Church with parking spots right up against the crosswalk which will be taken away. Mike Mikolay stated that cross walk will be restriped and no parking signs will be put in. Net loss to the green will be two spots in that area. The other crosswalk concern is the one that is on the north side of Broad Street. What the commission is finding is people not only parking up against crosswalk, but within cross walk and the intersection. Mike Mikolay stated the one thing Safe Street Task Force can help do is help educate.

3. Public Comment

None

4. Complete Streets Policy Draft Discussion

Sam Gerritz handed out a draft policy which was a condensed version of where was originally drafted. He said the goal was to put it in Matt's hand where the Board of Selectman will adopt. He asked for members to provide feedback by January 20th.

Kimberly Schmid left at 8:20pm

5. 2020 Task Force Objectives

Sam Gerritz said he believed outreach education is a critical piece. Bob Yaro said he was putting together a list of consultants. Jim Bussmann asked is any have experience dealing with historical districts and Bob Yaro said they do. Sam Gerritz he would like to see the adoption of resolution by the Board of Selectman and he will put the 2020 objectives as an agenda item for next meeting.

6. Adjournment

Motion: *Jim Bussmann made a motion to adjourn at 8:34 pm, seconded by Tim Sperry and unanimously approved.*

In favor: *Sam Gerritz; Melissa Shaw; Jim Bussmann; Holly Clune; Louis Mackall; Bob Yaro; Tim Sperry*

Abstain: *none*

Oppose: *none*

Respectively Submitted:

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