

Town of Guilford
Safe Streets Task Force
Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting, February 13, 2020
7:00 pm at Guilford community Center, Faulkner Room

Members present: *Melissa Shaw; Kimberly Schmid; Holly Clune; Helen Higgins; Tim Sperry via telephone; Sam Gerritz via telephone; Bill Eggers via telephone*

Others present: *Police Commissioner Mike Mikolay; Town Engineer Janice Plaziak; Kristin Jones, Recording Secretary*

Meeting was called to order by Melissa Shaw at 7:05 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of January 9, 2020 Minutes

Motion: *Kim Schmid made a motion to approve the minutes from the January 9 meeting as written, seconded by Holly Clune and approved.*

In favor: *Sam Gerritz; Melissa Shaw; Kimberly Schmid; Holly Clune; Tim Sperry; Bill Eggers*

Abstain: *Helen Higgins*

Oppose: *none*

2. Task Force Presence at the Planning and Zoning Meetings

Melissa Shaw read Jim Bussmann's update from the Planning and Zoning Meeting that there was nothing on the agenda that required their presence. The only partner item was a sidewalk on the west end of town for a building that has yet to be constructed and the owner and developer are in agreement that they would comply with town request.

NEW BUSINESS:

3. Update from Police Commissioner Mike Mikolay

Mike Mikolay discussed that talk about the sidewalks around town has developed into a wider discussion that will involve the state. The commission meeting is next week and they will look into talking an inventory if the sidewalks and recommend to the state that they look at all the clearances of the sidewalks around town, not just the ones that were originally looked at on the north side. Mike Mikolay discussed that the traffic unit did another deployment last week to conduct high visibility traffic enforcement with an emphasis on distracted driving and hazardous moving violations in which they made 31 motor vehicle stops.

4. Update from Town Engineer Janice Plaziak

Janice Plaziak said the DOT has shot down the ideas for the Route 77 sidewalk project to include a dedicated pedestrian phase of the north bound ramps and an added signal and pedestrian phase at the southbound ramps of 95 and 77. She will be meeting with the state Tuesday with the design engineers to argue the case and point out misunderstandings about the projects. The other smaller issue is the

house next to the post office is planning on doing some work and needs to close the sidewalk in that section to set up some staging. The DOT issued a permit to close the sidewalk and detour people walking a half mile out of the way. Janice suggested to the DOT that they put up barriers in the road to close off those parking spaces so it was safe for people to walk around. DOT will not issue that permit.

5. Public Comment

None

6. Complete Streets Policy Draft Resolution

Sam Gerritz stated they heard from everyone regarding the policy. Once the policy is adopted by the Board of Selectman, moving forward one of the first thing they will do is interview and start hiring a consultant. Melissa asked if anyone had any other comments about the draft that was sent out.

Motion: *Kim Schmid made a motion to submit the policy to the Board of Selectmen seconded by Bill Eggers and voted unanimously approved.*

In favor: *Sam Gerritz; Melissa Shaw; Kimberly Schmid; Holly Clune; Tim Sperry; Bill Eggers; Helen Higgins*

Abstain: *none*

Oppose: *none*

Tim Sperry left at 7:28pm

7. Project Teams Update

Kimberly Schmid stated the projects team has been meeting once a month. The projects teams has started to look at the town road ordinance which is outdated. She said comments can be sent to Melissa Shaw by February 20, 2020 who is compiling the list to send to Janice. Holly Clune is leading up schools and everything that has to do with schools. Louis Mackall is in charge of all things bus stops in town. Jim Bussmann is in charge of education. Sam Gerritz has been focusing on foot paths. Kimberly Schmid is working on the projects list and has been working on it with a lot of people to get input. They are working on both short and long term projects. Bill Eggers asked if per chance they could incorporate an Eagle Scout project in terms of constructing a structure like a bus stop. Kimberly Schmid stated that they will let Louis know the feedback but told him there is actually state funding for those structures and have been talking about Eagle Scout Projects when it comes to the foot path idea. Melissa Shaw stated she thought the next projects meeting is February 25.

8. Adjournment

Motion: *Holly Clune made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 pm, seconded by Helen Higgins and unanimously approved.*

In favor: *Sam Gerritz; Melissa Shaw; Kimberly Schmid; Holly Clune; Bill Eggers; Helen Higgins*

Abstain: *none*

Oppose: *none*

Respectively Submitted:

Kristin M. Jones

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