

Town of Guilford  
Safe Streets Task Force  
Committee Meeting  
Regular Meeting, July 11, 2019  
7:00 pm at Guilford community Center, Faulkner Room

Members present: *Chairman, Sam Gerritz; Melissa Shaw; Kimberly Schmid; Dolores Hayden; Dick Reynolds; Helen Higgins; Tim Sperry; Louis Mackall*

Others present: *Police Chief Jeff Hutchinson; Kristin Jones, Recording Secretary*

**Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sam Gerritz at 7:03 pm.**

**1. Approval of June 12, 2019 Minutes**

**Motion:** *Helen Higgins made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2019 meeting as written, seconded by Tim Sperry and voted unanimously approved.*

**In favor:** *Sam Gerritz, Melissa Shaw, Kimberly Schmid, Dolores Hayden, Dick Reynolds, Helen Higgins, Tim Sperry, Louis Mackall*

**Abstain:** *none*

**Oppose:** *none*

**2. Introduction of Members**

Chairman Sam Gerritz welcomed everyone and began with introductions.

**3. Updates from Engineering, Planning & Zoning and Police Department**

Chairman Sam Gerritz explained unfortunately Town planner George Kral and Town Engineer Janice Plaziak could not attend. Janice Plaziak, Town Engineer did want to pass along updates. The first thing is they hired a consultant or contractor to get that project moving forward into terms of drawing up plans. The second is the extension of the sidewalk on Boston Street as received State funding. And will begin at Soundview and continued to the cemetery.

Police Chief Jeff Hutchinson updated that two more speed awareness signs were purchased this year in addition to the three the town already has. Moving around the signs and having them pop up in different places, increases awareness and the signs help collect data for the police to interpret.

**4. Debrief from complete Street Seminar**

Helen Higgins spoke to the Implementing Vision Zero and Complete Streets in Connecticut Seminar she attended.

- Vision Zero overarching goal is no traffic fatalities and gear their data to where the most accidents take place
- The idea of Decreasing speed will reduce accidents
- Puts an emphasis on community engagement
- Complete Streets helps communities develop policies that will implement transportation projects that take into account everyone needs
- Complete Streets believes narrowing the streets are a key to mobile equity

**5. Review 2003 Transportation Plan Recommendations**

Melissa Shaw reviewed 2003 Transportation plan and highlighted key factors.

- Town parking and Water Street was improved
- Long hill intersection with Route 1 was improved
- Most of the changes for new Roads were not completed besides Hubbard Road and Old New England Road
- Lot of focus on increasing the mobility between the Baldwin, High School and Adams

**6. Solicitation of Sub-Committee to create draft mission statement for August meeting**

Melissa Shaw suggested each person bring their thoughts to the next meeting to what they want to include.

All members suggested they do not break apart right now as they are still relatively new.

**7. Discuss long and short term goals**

No discussion

**8. Identify homework assignment(s) for August Meeting**

Review all three sets of Complete Streets sites starting with the National site, then seeing the way that Connecticut has embraced it down to the local level

**9. Public Comment**

None

**10. Adjournment**

**Motion:** *Tim Sperry made a motion to adjourn at 8:49 pm, seconded by Dick Reynolds and unanimously approved.*

**In favor:** *Sam Gerritz, Melissa Shaw, Dolores Hayden, Dick Reynolds, Helen Higgins, Tim Sperry, Louis Mackall*

**Abstain:** *none*

**Oppose:** *none*

Respectively Submitted:

*Kristin M. Jones*

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Recording Secretary