

Town of Guilford
Safe Streets Task Force
Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting, October 10, 2019
7:00 pm at Guilford community Center, Faulkner Room

Members present: *Chairman, Sam Gerritz; Melissa Shaw; Kimberly Schmid; Bill Eggers; Dick Reynolds; Tim Sperry; Jim Bussmann; Mary-Jo Kestner*

Others present: *Police Chief Jeff Hutchinson; Town Engineer Janice Plaziak; Kristin Jones, Recording Secretary*

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

1. Approval of September 12, 2019 Minutes

Motion: *Jim Bussmann made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 2019 meeting as written, seconded by Melissa Shaw and voted unanimously approved.*

In favor: *Sam Gerritz, Melissa Shaw, Kimberly Schmid, Bill Eggers, Dick Reynolds, Tim Sperry, Jim Bussmann, Mary-Jo Kestner*

Abstain: *none*

Oppose: *none*

2. Update from the Town Engineer Janice Plaziak

- Nut Plains project is nearing completion of design.
- Church Street Project design should be done by mid-November and hopefully ready for public information hearing in January.

3. Update from Police Chief Jeff Hutchinson

- Police department now has 5 awareness signs that they are using to collect data.
- Enforcement has gone up 54 percent this last quarter.
- Public awareness is a big part of what the police department would like to do.

4. Public Comment

Holly Clune told Police Chief Jeff Hutchinson that one or two awareness signs on County road seemed to be working.

5. Policy Update from Mary-Jo Kestner

- When looking at policy, they wanted to first state intention, then plan and then advocacy.
- Policy Statement small group came up with was preserving historic and rural character while improving street safety
- Complete Streets envisions a standing Advisory Committee will be in place to ensure the Complete Streets Plan transcends changes in town leadership

Janice Plaziak stated town regulations are going to be undergoing a rewrite and they have started the process, so there is an opportunity for the Safe Street Task Force to have a voice and advocate for changes to occur as appropriate and provide good information to be added to those documents.

6. Projects Update by Melissa Shaw

- When looking at project side, looking to develop a list and identify all projects that have been found to be worthwhile and rate them with numerical values of importance
- Projects should be rated based on degree of safety concerns, mobility equity score, ease of implantation, environmental impact connectivity or the number of people served, maintaining historic character of area
- After discussion, it was decided to rate the problem and come up with a separate section for ideas for the problem and not the project. It was agreed that ease of implementation and environmental impact should be removed from the rating system and the problem decided rating them on a value of 1 to 3

7. Adjournment

Motion: *Tim Sperry made a motion to adjourn at 8:33 pm, seconded by Bill Eggers and unanimously approved.*

In favor: *Sam Gerritz, Melissa Shaw, Kimberly Schmid, Bill Eggers, Dick Reynolds, Tim Sperry, Jim; Bussmann, Mary-Jo Kestner*

Abstain: *none*

Oppose: *none*

Respectively Submitted:

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Recording Secretary