

Town of Guilford
Safe Streets Task Force
Committee Meeting
Regular Meeting, November 14, 2019
7:00 pm at Guilford community Center, Faulkner Room

Members present: *Chairman, Sam Gerritz; Melissa Shaw; Kimberly Schmid; Jim Bussmann; Mary-Jo Kestner; Helen Higgins; Holly Clune; Louis Mackall; Bob Yaro*

Others present: *Town Engineer Janice Plaziak; Kristin Jones, Recording Secretary*

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Sam Gerritz at 7:04 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of October 10, 2019 Minutes

Motion: *Bob Yaro made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10 meeting as written, seconded by Mary-Jo Kestner and voted unanimously approved.*

In favor: *Sam Gerritz; Melissa Shaw; Kimberly Schmid; Jim Bussmann; Mary-Jo Kestner; Helen Higgins; Holly Clune; Louis Mackall; Bob Yaro*

Abstain: *none*

Oppose: *none*

2. Attendance of Safe Street Task Force Members at Planning & Zoning Meetings

Melissa Shaw presented a list so that one member of the Safe Street Task Force would attend each Planning and Zoning Meeting which are 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month; Melissa said she will provide reminders to those signed up.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sam Gerritz introduced new task force member Holly Clune and informed everyone that Dick Reynolds has stepped down so there will be a vacancy on the Safe Street Task Force.

1. Update from the Town Engineer Janice Plaziak

Town Engineer Janice Plaziak discussed the Route 77 project. The town is preparing to submit the preliminary designs to the Department of Transportation and then hoping to hold a public information meeting in January 2020.

- Project will take sidewalks from West side of road, cross to east side of road to continue sidewalks north under the overpass bridge on the east side of the road which will be a 6 foot sidewalk under the bridge
- Once it comes out under the bridge and crosses the parking lot entrance with crosswalk markings, you get to the north side of the bridge of the southbound ramps in which they hope to add a traffic signal which will include a dedicated pedestrian phase
- Also be a sidewalk from the little parking ride on the west side of the road with crosswalks across both ramps on both sides and a crosswalk across route 77 just north of the interchange

- At that point, five foot sidewalks will run up both sides of the road and extend to the art center on the east side and on the west side to Hubbard Road
- Adams crosswalk will be relocated to a safer location
- State has committed 1.5 million dollars funding to project; Money was originally allocated for funding for the Nut Plains project; instead of lose funding, town asked to reallocate funds to the Route 77 project

Melissa Shaw asked what sort of time frame they were looking at. Janice Plaziak responded that is all goes well, construction will being in the spring of 2021.

2. Public Comment

Jerry Meyer, 50 Old Quarry Road, spoke on the situation of bikes and cars on the same road in Guilford.

Pam Bisbee-Simons, from the Shoreline Greenway Trial, thanked the task force for all their hard work.

James Weisser, 41 Brookwood Dr., asked if anything was being done about the crosswalks on Broad Street because they were dangerous.

3. Projects Update by Melissa Shaw

- Melissa presented crash data for Pedestrian/Cyclists hit in Guilford from 2015-2019
- Melissa presented a scoring system for projects
 - Projects rated on Safety, Connectivity and Mobility Equity
 - Changed scoring from a 5 point to 3 point system to give a more clear picture
 - Rating system cannot project solution, but identify problems
 - Kimberly Schmid explained that a low score was bad and the objective was to identify the problems and increase the scores

4. Policy Update from Mary-Jo Kestner

- Mary-Jo presented a draft Complete Streets Policy for the Town of Guilford and hope is to received plan as a committee and them discuss it the next meeting
- Will review draft and revise and then present to Board of Selectman

5. Adjournment

Motion: *Bob Yaro made a motion to adjourn at 8:47 pm, seconded by Jim Bussmann and unanimously approved.*

In favor: *Sam Gerritz; Melissa Shaw; Kimberly Schmid; Jim Bussmann; Mary-Jo Kestner; Helen Higgins; Holly Clune; Louis Mackall; Bob Yaro*

Abstain: *none*

Oppose: *none*

Respectively Submitted:

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