

Town of Guilford  
Safe Streets Task Force  
Committee Meeting  
Regular Meeting, August 13, 2020  
7:00 pm via Zoom Teleconference

Members present: *Sam Gerritz, Chairman; Jim Bussmann; Bob Yaro; Melissa Shaw; Kimberly Schmid; Louis Mackall; Ellen Higgins*

Others present: *Town Planner George Kral; Kristin Jones, Recording Secretary*

**Meeting was called to order by Sam Gerritz at 7:01 pm.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Approval of July 9, 2020 Minutes**

**Motion:** *Melissa Shaw made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2020 meeting as written, seconded by Jim Bussmann and approved.*

**In favor:** *Sam Gerritz, Chairman; Jim Bussmann; Bob Yaro; Melissa Shaw; Kimberly Schmid; Louis Mackall; Ellen Higgins*

**Abstain:** *none*

**Oppose:** *none*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Update from Town Planner George Kral**

George Kral said the planning and zoning code has been comprehensively rewritten and they are hoping that the Safe Streets Committee will make a contribution. He said there is a section of the zoning code that is set aside as a place where standards and criteria for pedestrian and bikeway and facilities can be described and required and otherwise implemented through zoning. He said they are leaving that as a placeholder for the Safe Street committee and the consultant to help write that section based on what other towns have done. George Kral said the Vigliotti subdivision on Long Hill Road has been buttoned down as all the approvals and the design approvals have been finalized and he expects that construction will begin really soon. Sam Gerritz spoke on the housing development on State Street. Sam said the developer Chris Whitmer had reached out to Sam and said that he has applied for a grant to construct a sidewalk and a path that would be ADA compliant from where the State Street entrance begins, all the way into the property. He reached out to Sam to use Safe Street language to describe the group. Tim Sperry asked George what was going into the parcel across from Guilford Commons going to be a 55 plus housing or has anything not been submitted on that yet. George Kral said there are two parts to that project. The first part is 115 housing development that was approved a number of years ago which is open to any household. Also the more immediate projects will be several commercial developments in the property immediately adjacent to the Route 1 intersection

## 2. Public Comment

None

## 3. RFP/RFQ Update and Time Lines

Sam Gerritz stated they have fielded a couple of questions. One question was what was the budget for the consultant. He forwarded the questions and the answer was we do not disclose that information. The second question asked for an extension since so much time was spent trying to restore power and the deadline has been moved to August 31, 2020.

## 4. Projects Update

Kimberly Schmid said the projects team was talking about the reopening of the schools and the ways the Safe Street Task Force could address bikers and walker to school since there may be more people walking to school. Kimberly said they brainstormed some ideas and if anyone has any other idea, they can email them to her. Kimberly said that Melissa Jones is the only school that does not have a bike rack and that Holly Clune was working with their PTO to purchase one as the other PTOs have purchased the bike racks for their school. Kimberly Schmid said she will talk to public works about doing an extra mowing on paths leading to schools, so kids have a place to walk. Kimberly Schmid talked about the different foot paths that exist to the schools and possibly making more. Melissa Shaw suggested possibly having a walk/bike to school events at all the schools. Kimberly Schmid also said, if we get much of this accomplished, possibly have an article placed in the Courier.

7:42 Louis Mackall left.

Sam Gerritz said the placement of the law signs have been tremendous and asked if the group thought that they should reach out to local businesses. Jim Bussmann said he will reached out to Zanes and Sam Gerritz said that he will talk to the Rotary.

Sam Gerritz talked about footpath proposals and said there were possibly 6 possible suggestions to start.

## 5. Adjournment

**Motion:** *Tim Sperry made a motion to adjourn at 7:57 pm, seconded by Jim Bussmann and unanimously approved.*

**In favor:** *Sam Gerritz, Chairman; Jim Bussmann; Bob Yaro; Melissa Shaw; Kimberly Schmid; Ellen Higgins*

**Abstain:** *none*

**Oppose:** *none*

Respectively Submitted:

*Kristin M. Jones*

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Recording Secretary