

DRAFT Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
January 13, 2016

7:31 PM Meeting called to order

Attending Committee Members were: Soraya Stevens, Margot Fleischman, Dan Silverman, Evan Deardorff, Casey Ackerman, and Stacy Chandler

Motion to accept minutes of the previous (12/9/2015) meeting seconded and approved unanimously.

7:33 PM Selectmen Update

- Renzo's update – Margot asked Rick to look into where we are with the Renzo's intersection.

7:34 PM Planning Board

- Elina Drive discussion
 - The Elina Drive cluster development is proposed just north of Renzo's.
 - The grade of the road is significant (7.5%) and could be problematic as traffic flows in and out of the neighborhood given the speeds on North Road.
 - The location and curve of might make visibility a problem.
 - Recommend that they bring the slope down to 5%
- Zoning discussion
 - The Planning Board is going to get a consultant to come in and take a look at all of the Great Road zoning. Zoning needs to be looked at for businesses, for Great Rd Master Plan, for Bike/Ped master plan, etc. It will be an 18 month effort.
 - Page Place needed to be rezoned to allow for the size and number of houses the developers wanted to build. They are resubmitting an article for the next town meeting.
 - There are as many as 6 articles being brought to town meeting.

8:02 Misc

- The Selectmen accepted the Bike Ped Master Plan. Many of the large projects on the plan will take 5 years or more.
- Groups have been identified to be responsible for implementing some of the non-infrastructure recommendations.
- The JGMS Safe Routes to School effort
 - The suggestion for the light at Mudge Way met the warrant.
 - The Jenks trail will be modified to widen the path to allow for 2-way traffic without impacting the trees.
 - They will create an ADA compliant path between the schools.
 - Bedford is the "host" community for the Safe Routes To School program. The work is not done by our DPW – it is done by the state through the SRTS program.
 - The last public discussion of this topic was 2011. There is some potential for some aspects of the design to be unappealing to the public and abutters:

- Since 2011, we have done the retiming of the South Road lights, installed the intercept signal at the fire station. The public may not be receptive to another light.
 - They are proposing to take street parking to create bike lanes which was something several abutters were not in favor of doing.
- Park and Pedal proposal
 - Adrienne put together the map to look for publically owned property where there might be good locations for park and pedal spots.
 - Reaching out to private business owners will be a Phase 2.
 - The only cost to the town is making the signs
 - We can have our signs made and up by spring
 - Take a look at the map and indicate in some way (send to Margot) any good/bad ideas for locations. Perhaps name your top 5 locations.
 - Carla and Adrienne met with the Montague guys at the MassDOT and brought the plan to Bedford
 - Target May as the time frame for getting signs in place.
 - We need to add St. Paul's church to the list
- Proposed Local Transit
 - The selectmen are eager to put it in the operating budget
 - Margot had a meeting with Doug Halley from Acton to learn more about the shuttle service (and other services)
 - They have 5 vehicles and just launched a fixed-route service
 - They are serving a large number of town citizens
 - Included in the 100K proposal will be a dial-a-ride service with some fixed-route service at the lunch hour.
 - Margot wants the TAC to recommend we accept this proposal.
 - Finance Committee Feb 4th
 - Moved and seconded to have TAC recommend that we accept the proposal and authorize the chair to write a memo in support of this proposal
 - Unanimously approved.

9:00 PM Adjourned