

**Minutes of the Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
May 28, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:48 PM.

Attending Committee Members were: Soraya Stevens, AnnaLisa Madison, Dan Silverman, Shawn Hanegan

Guest Attendees: Roy Sorenson and Carla Olsen

- Reviewed meeting minutes and amended minutes. Minutes accepted unanimously.

DPW Update (Roy Sorensen)

- Selectmen voted for a shared use path for the Minuteman Bikeway Extension
- North road sidewalk is done
- Section on Pine Hill to complete the North Road sidewalk – we should draft a letter to request having DPW look at completing that section
- Concord road section should be going in around end of July. There are a few right of way and drainage issues to look at.
- The narrow gauge bike path resurfacing project has been approved
- Renzo's, Pine Hill and North Road, and another intersection is being looked at for design. Should take about 1.5-2 years. They are going with a different firm than VHB.
 - Evan suggested cutting down the trees and doing that while we wait.
 - Roy explained we need a proponent to justify the removal of the trees.
- Hemlock resident inquired about their sidewalk. Hemlock will come after the Concord sidewalk.
- South Road down to Liberty – they need a letter from us so they can start internal discussion.
- From last month's minutes: "We are not sure whether or not we can use Community Preservation funds for new sidewalk construction." Roy clarified.
 - Community Preservation funds are for new construction only – not rehabilitation or excavating old sidewalks (that would be Capital)
- Mudge Way project – Safe routes to school. Roy has documents to circulate with us. There are some final requirements to be met for the project, but the funding is Federal Fiscal Year FY16, so work would be done next year.

- With the new lights on South Road just installed, they will pull out the Great Road Master plan and see if there are opportunities to do some of that work.
- Raised crosswalks – they pose challenges for snow removal and fire department too. You can do surface variations.
- Repairs for Springs Road sidewalks – the capital funding wasn't available for that project. That project didn't rank high enough to get funded.
- Wilson Park and Bedford Farms – That was the section on Great Road Master Plan that they wanted to get started on first.

Healthy Bedford Update (Carla Olsen)

- How can we move more people around town that doesn't require single user occupancy
- Circulator bus would operate 5-days per week and be contracted with another agency.
- The Selectmen endorsed the project.

Planning Board Update

- Lots of development applications
- Plan is still to do industrial zoning in Fall
 - Potential for transportation demand management
- Luigi's might move to Building C at the marketplace
- Bikeway Café – special permit for Ken Larson's land. He will put in a café next to the bikeway bike source
- The cottage project on South Road is still going on.
- The shared use path: bike and pedestrian path with a grass strip. The state will fund this option and the paving of the bike path extension.
- Talking with Ken Gordon, he is putting forth changing the Rt 3 and 128. He has 4 different schematics for the intersection. That work would go through the TIP (Transportation Improvement Plan)
- Sparta is closing

Misc Items

- Motion to recommend to selectmen that we install a stop sign on the back of the existing sign.
- Move that TAC recommend removal of 3 trees at North Road at Chelmsford Road.
- Margot suggested Dan send a memo regarding temporary geometry changes
 - Email selectmen@bedford.gov

Selectmen Update

- Circulator bus – in the next few months, there needs to be some planning to figure out what this would cost. They need to figure out where the funding will come from. They will explore some options through Middlesex 3.

- Has Casey gone before Selectmen? Not yet.

Meeting adjourned 9:06pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Soraya Stevens