Traffic Roadway Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2019

Committee Members Present: DPW Director **Ray Tattersall**, Police Chief **Mark Saolio**, and Fire Chief **John Schilling.**

Community Members Present: Rebecca Eldeiry

Meeting Called to Order by **Ray Tattersall** at 3:15pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes from October 24, 2018:
Chief Schilling – Motion to accept, Chief Saloio – 2nds. Unanimously Approved.

Stop & Shop Entrance – Improved lighting/crosswalk:
Ray Tattersall: Rebecca has come to us – parking lot related to Stop & Shop.
Rebecca Eldeiry: Stop & Shop, I asked them for a light 2 years ago and they put one up – this is a can recessed light – sometimes it's out. (pointing on map) It's incredibly dangerous at night – there's no stop sign – this light somewhat lights the area. There's this flow there – a stop here & here, some type of temporary light.
Ray Tattersall: When we get into the Stop & Shop rebuilding I think that's when we can make a push for lighting.
Rebecca Eldeiry: This is so dark.
John Schilling: I agree that this is a scary spot, at night & day when they are parked here to deliver. I can't believe no one has been hurt there.
Mark Saolio: So this is town property?
Ray Tattersall: Yes.
Mark Saolio: If I look at item 6 – private doing a good faith effort to post a STOP sign and it's on the agenda for us to ask them to move it. The town isn't doing it's obligation which is to post STOP signs.
John Schilling: I have no problem with a STOP sign there.
Mark Saolio: Honestly it's embarrassing.
John Schilling: There hasn't been this type of board in the past – things went before the Board of Selectmen. Is this crosswalk eligible?
Mark Saolio: I don't know of any restrictions.
Ray Tattersall: I'll have to talk to the Traffic Engineer to find out the rules an dwhy we have never had STOP signs in these areas.
John Schilling: Motion to proceed with investigating the STOP signs.
Ray Tattersall: I'll talk to the Traffic Engineer and find out what the rule is.
Mark Saolio: 2nds motion.
Unanimously Approved.
Rebecca Eldeiry: Is there a problem with having Stop & Shop put a light here – some kind of glare?
John Schilling: I thought there was a pole there.
Ray Tattersall: There is a pole there – there's too much junk to put a light on there. You'd want it up high. That's something you would have to do with Eversource. Maybe solar lights? There is money in there for that – I could approach the Selectmen on that.
John Schilling: You are going to look into 2 STOP signs and the solar lighting
Ray Tattersall: Yes.

Handicapped Parking Spot – St. Augustine's (side entrance on Clough):
Ray Tattersall: Mary Ellen Larsen brought this up don't understand why we need one there – there's a bunch in their parking lot on the rear side of the building.
Mark Saolio: I would be curious as to why it's being asked for – photos, etc.
Ray Tattersall: If you want to go by I marked it with 2 cones. There's a family basin there which doesn't make it a good ADA access. I will reach out to her again to get clarification.

No Parking on Edgartown Road across from Winyah Lane:

Ray Tattersall: Neil Maciel brought this up – when people try to turn in there – a lot of people go around
Mark Saolio: The letter of the law is to stay in your travel lane – so no.
John Schilling: The people on Wynah don't have a problem with it – slows everyone down.
Ray Tattersall: I will leave it that we take no action.
John Schilling: Take no action until we get the bike crossing issue resolved.
Ray Tattersall: I will get on the engineers to get the bike crossing & crosswalk done before the high season.
John Schilling: What's the status on Hillside?
Ray Tattersall: The flashing lights – I have Chapter 90 money that I can now use – going in like the school signs.

Mark out bottom of Spring Street as "FIRE LANE":

Ray Tattersall: We discussed but wanted to present to make official – can it be yellow?
John Schilling: Bottom of Spring Street as it intersects Main, the town removed the bottom 2 parking spaces and narrowed the sidewalk because it wasn't a legal width. We put NO PARKING, but it has a different connotation if we put FIRE LANE.
Mark Saolio: The FIRE LANE you can legitimately tow all day long.
John Schilling: The Main Street Bumpouts will be solving a lot of the parking issues – what's the prognosis?
Ray Tattersall: It's in the design phase – if all goes well we want to start this fall – before the next anniversary.
John Schilling: It solves a lot, parking issues, makes it safer for pedestrians . . .
Ray Tattersall: . . . put in benches, make it look nice.
John Schilling FIRE LANE was already approved – just do it – with Fred/DPW.
Ray Tattersall: I'll order it.

Museum Stop Sign: move to their property:

Ray Tattersall: I talked to them and Phil is OK – because it's private property, they don't have to have a legal sign.
Mark Saolio: What about the regulations I sent you concerning the general law requirements of any private way adjoining a public way?
Ray Tattersall: There will be a stop – it will just be on their property – he just didn't want the big red sign.

Posting yellow Speed Limit sign on Lake Street:

Ray Tattersall: Yellow Speed Limit signs are advisory, so we don't have to go through MA DOT at Mark's suggestion. So this makes sense just to do because it just makes sense. If we feel like it's something that we don't need to bother the Selectmen with then we just do what we have to do.
John Schiiling: Our charge was to be a committee to get things done without going through a cumbersome process – things don't need to be brought to the board with public hearings, etc . .
Mark Saolio – Streamline things
John Schilling: We've gotten a few things done. We're waiting on other things to get approved to get complete.
Ray Tattersall: How many yellow signs do you want on each side – two?
Mark Saolio: The lake, 1 coming away and 1 coming to.
Ray Tattersall: I have to do the Chapter 90 request on the beacon signs. I have to confirm with EPG if they need to engineer anything.
John Schilling: We need to get those done before summer.

Next Meeting: TBA
ADJOURNMENT @ 3:45PM