

TOWN OF STOW
COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the April 19, 2018 Complete Streets Committee Meeting

Members Present: Karen Kelleher, Bill Bosworth, Mike Clayton, Margie Lynch, Kathy Sferra, Jim Salvie

Discussion of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of March 23, 2018

Kathy Sferra moved to approve the minutes as amended.

Jim Salvie Seconded.

VOTED: 6-0 In favor (Karen Kelleher, Bill Bosworth, Mike Clayton, Kathy Sferra, Jim Salvie, Margie Lynch-Yea).

Minutes of March 28, 2018

Kathy Sferra moved to approve the minutes as written.

Karen Kelleher Seconded.

VOTED: 6-0 In favor (Karen Kelleher, Bill Bosworth, Mike Clayton, Kathy Sferra, Jim Salvie, Margie Lynch-Yea).

Prioritization Plan Feedback from MassDOT

The Complete Streets Committee reviewed feedback from MassDOT on the submitted Prioritization Plan. Valerie Oorthuys said that consultants at Howard Stein Hudson have resolved the more technical comments, and that some of the feedback was generic, having been provided to all 18 Towns submitting plans this round. Valerie Oorthuys said that it has become clear that MassDOT has decided that all projects to be considered for funding in future years must be accompanied by construction estimates and implementation years. Currently, the plan includes this information for 30 of 97 total projects. Valerie Oorthuys noted that the Committee had chosen to provide estimates and implementation years for mostly shovel-ready projects, meaning that several highly ranked projects were left off of the construction schedule in order to allow flexibility with design components, funding sources, and community engagement.

To select projects for estimation, the Committee reviewed a list of projects which specifically correspond to existing planning processes and known public safety concerns. This list included projects in Town Center, on Track Road, in Gleasondale Village, and at the Hudson Road/ Great Road intersection. The Committee agreed to ask for estimates for over a dozen additional projects, spread out over each of the above mentioned areas. The Committee asked for more information to be provided from the consultant regarding the lack of bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects in Gleasondale Village.

Margie Lynch noted MassDOT's preference for "Bikes May Use Full Lane" signage over "Share the Road" signage, and wondered if these signs could be placed town-wide. Margie Lynch expressed interest in making a section of Crescent Street into a one-way road to calm traffic and create bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

Jesse Steadman noted that projects not on the Complete Streets plan could be considered through funding sources such as Chapter 90.

The Committee recognized that not all projects on the Prioritization Plan may be constructed, and that the plan may need to be revisited, which MassDOT recommends doing every 5 years.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Valerie Oorthuys