

TOWN OF STOW
COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the April 30, 2019 Complete Streets Committee Meeting

Members Present: Bill Bosworth, Mike Clayton, Joe Landry, Margie Lynch, Jim Salvie, Kathy Sferra

Absent: Karen Kelleher

Town Meeting Warrant Article

The Committee discussed the Town Meeting request of \$28,500 which would go toward construction funding of the projects on Old Bolton Road and Harvard Road. The Committee discussed a request to the MassDOT Complete Streets Program to extend the grant in order to complete construction of these projects in the spring of 2020. Jesse Steadman said that he spoke with the program administrator who confirmed the request process and recommended asking for a minimal extension of the grant timeline. The Committee agreed to request the extension to September 30, 2020 due to public safety concerns.

Jim Salvie moved to request an extension of the Town's grant from MassDOT's Complete Streets Program and to move no action on the associated Town Meeting warrant article. Kathy Sferra seconded.

Vote: 6-0 Unanimously in favor (Margie Lynch, Bill Bosworth, Mike Clayton, Joe Landry, Jim Salvie, Kathy Sferra- Yea).

The Committee discussed the Great Road bicycle improvement project, including whether the road would need widening to accommodate the bicycle lanes. Jesse Steadman said the MassDOT Complete Streets program administrator said a design recommendation memo could be provided to MassDOT detailing the request to narrow bike lanes from the 5 foot standard to 4 feet. Mike Clayton said that on minor arterial roads such as Great Road, MassDOT guidelines state that lanes cannot be less than 11 feet wide. Between Bradley Lane and Town Center, Great Road has a variable width of about 27 to 29 feet. A design recommendation memo could be submitted for a waiver to have 10 foot lanes with 3 to 4 foot bike lanes.

Jim Salvie moved to request a waiver from MassDOT guidelines for narrower bike lanes. Joe Landry seconded.

Vote: 6-0 Unanimously in favor (Margie Lynch, Bill Bosworth, Mike Clayton, Joe Landry, Jim Salvie, Kathy Sferra- Yea).

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Oorthuys