TOWN OF STOW COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the June 25, 2020 Complete Streets Committee Meeting

Members Present: Eve Fischer, Steve Nadeau, Jim Salvie, Kathy Sferra

Absent: Karen Kelleher, Joe Landry, Mike Sallese

Discussion of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of May 28, 2020 Kathy Sferra moved to approve the minutes as written. Jim Salvie seconded. Roll Call Vote: Eve Fischer- Yea, Steve Nadeau- Yea, Kathy Sferra- Yea; Jim Salvie- Yea.

Update on Old Bolton Road and Harvard Road Intersection Improvements

Steve Nadeau said that one bid was received for the projects, and it came in about 30% higher than anticipated. The bid was rejected and MassDOT has provided the Town with an extension of their grant through the 2021 construction season. Steve Nadeau said the bid will be reposted in January 2021. Jesse Steadman noted that the engineers at TEC, Inc. highlighted a number of discrepancies between the bid and the anticipated costs.

Draft Presentation to Town Meeting, Track Road Pre-Engineering Services

Jesse Steadman said that this years' Town Meeting format means that rather than a presentation for the Track Road article, a handout will be provided to attendees. The Complete Streets Committee reviewed a draft handout. The Committee agreed that language should be added to emphasize the project goals of maintaining vehicle access to Crow Island while enhancing safety and accessibility for pedestrians and cyclists. Language was added to the handout to acknowledge the length of time spent on finding an acceptable solution to the condition and maintenance of the Town's easement over Track Road.

<u>Traffic Data</u>

Valerie Oorthuys provided the Committee with an overview of traffic accident analysis. The analysis covered six years of traffic accident data on Boxboro Road, Sudbury Road, Maple Street, West Acton Road, South Acton Road, Hudson Road, and Gleasondale Road. Valerie Oorthuys said that as the Town considers streetscape improvements to increase public safety, the data shows that intersection improvements as well as improvements to the Gleasondale Village corridor would be most impactful. The Committee agreed it would be useful to analyze citation data for those years and roads as well to provide a more complete picture of vehicle speeds. Jim Salvie noted a report and presentation to the Selectmen this summer would be useful to show an objective analysis of traffic conditions.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Valerie Oorthuys