

TOWN OF STOW
COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the September 21, 2020 Complete Streets Committee Meeting

Members Present: Karen Kelleher, Joe Landry, Mike Sallese, Steve Nadeau

Absent: Eve Fischer, Jim Salvie, Kathy Sferra

Review and Approval of Shared Streets and Spaces Grant Application

The Committee reviewed a draft of the application to MassDOT's Shared Streets and Spaces grant program, which would provide permanent signage in Town Center, Lower Village, and Gleasondale Village.

The Committee reviewed correspondence from Kathy Sferra that provided further language in support of pedestrian signage in Lower Village and stated her concern about the installation of permanent speed feedback signage. Steve Nadeau noted the staff time needed to recharge temporary signs and replace them across town, stating preference for permanent signage at known problem areas. Mike Sallese stated that the permanent signs are needed in Gleasondale Village, as traffic enforcement has found cars travelling at 45 or 50mph by the mill, and in Town Center, where there has been a pedestrian fatality.

Karen Kelleher stated that the Planning Board discussed the grant application at a recent meeting and was in favor of including fewer signs in Lower Village with the concern of visual clutter. The Planning Board was in favor of more slowly incorporating additional signage into the village. Joe Landry and Mike Sallese stated that all crosswalks need permanent signage due to their public safety benefit.

The Committee supported the application as amended, with the request to fund the purchase and installation of 4 sets of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons in Lower Village, 2 permanent speed feedback signs in Gleasondale Village, and 2 sets of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons and 2 permanent speed feedback signs in Town Center.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Oorthuys