

TOWN OF STOW
COMPLETE STREETS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the January 31, 2018 Complete Streets Committee Meeting

Members Present: Karen Kelleher, Bill Bosworth, Jim Salvie, Kathy Sferra, Jesse Steadman,
Margie Lynch (via phone)

Absent: Mike Clayton

Discussion of Meeting Minutes

Minutes of January 9, 2018

Kathy Sferra moved to approve the minutes as written.

Jim Salvie Seconded.

VOTED: 5-0 In favor (Karen Kelleher, Bill Bosworth, Jim Salvie, Kathy Sferra, Jesse Steadman–Yea).

Public Forum Debrief

The Committee discussed the public forum, agreeing that it was well-attended and constructive, and that the consultants provided a good presentation. The Committee agreed that they would like to know when the consultant will deactivate the WikiMap, and how those comments will be provided to the Town.

The Committee recalled the conversations at each breakout group, discussing whether residents' comments appeared to favor vehicular concerns over pedestrian, bicycle, and accessibility concerns.

Review Draft Prioritization Criteria

The Committee reviewed draft prioritization criteria, collected from other towns Howard Stein Hudson has worked with.

The Committee discussed language around how to measure new network connections or extensions, wondering whether it may be more useful to consider whether a project would fill a gap, extend a network, or create or improve an isolated corridor.

The Committee discussed latent demand criteria for pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, wondering whether this would prioritize improvements in culs-de-sac.

The Committee wondered how the prioritization plan may address different design interventions for each specific project.

The Committee questioned how items such as sidewalk design, vegetation, and traffic impacts are understood as a part of pedestrian level of comfort.

The Committee agreed that they would appreciate a conversation with Howard Stein Hudson about their methodology and its evolution, as well as a discussion of how restrictions criteria would factor into the prioritization.

Correspondence

The Committee discussed an email from the Town Administrator regarding an additional services contract with Howard Stein Hudson in order to develop a policy regarding thickly settled and safety districts, a policy to address traffic calming measures on specific roads, in addition to improvements from the Complete Streets Prioritization Plan, as well as an evaluation of a seasonal traffic plan for apple picking season. A draft scope of work will be discussed at a future meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Valerie Oorthuys