

Minutes, Amherst Transportation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

Town Room, Town Hall - 4:30 PM

Members Present: Aaron Hayden, Eve Vogel, Bruce Carson, Kimberly Tremblay, Mark Rabinsky
Members Absent: Rabib Rafiq, Sandra Anderson
Staff Present: Guilford Mooring, Christine Brestrup
Others Present: Maureen (Planning), Rob Kusner

Meeting was called to order at 4:37 pm.

1. Select Board meeting review
 - a. SB had specific requests for edits on the Complete Streets policy
 - i. TAC needs to discuss how to do those edits
 - b. Also getting the TAC involved as a gateway committee in the JCPC process due to the number of transportation projects
 - i. Would be crosswalks and sidewalks
 - ii. TAC needs to develop a mechanism how to handle that and recommendations back to the SB
 1. Prioritization plans need to be developed
2. Approval of Minutes from February 28th meeting: Approved: 4-0-1
3. Project Discussion
 - a. Project list presented by Guilford
4. Review of Town Meeting articles
 - a. E Hadley Rd sidewalk (multi-use path) project
 - b. W Bay Rd sidewalk project
 - c. E Pleasant St/Village Park bus pull off
 - d. Belchertown Rd sidewalk
 - e. Main St sidewalk
 - f. Harlow/Rolling Ridge properties
 - i. Voted to support all articles
5. Subcommittee Update
 - a. Intake form
 - i. Will help to funnel requests to the right place and give feedback to Requestees
 - ii. Subcommittee recommended that the TAC accept this
 - b. Discussion held about what process can happen after the form is received
 - c. Subcommittee agreed on a foundational policy proposal for the TAC for the bike/pedestrian/bus network
 - i. Network should focus on connecting Node locations
 - ii. Connected by routes that make these accessible for all people
 - iii. Ensure that routes are safe for all people without additional infrastructure
 - iv. Nodes connect all parts of town
 - v. Other policies may be developed over time
 1. TAC members will review and have more discussion about it in order to create a policy/guideline
 - d. Walk reports

- i. Walks done on E Pleasant route and a N Pleasant route (see handout)
 1. Discussion held about each report and its findings

Adjourned 6:29 pm

Handouts

1. Walk reports

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