

Minutes, Amherst Transportation Advisory Committee
Wednesday, July 25, 2018
First Floor, Town Hall - 4:30 PM

Members Present: Aaron Hayden, Bruce Carson, Sandra Anderson, Eve Vogel
Members Absent: Rabib Rafiq, Kimberly Tremblay, Mark Rabinsky,
Staff Present: Guilford Mooring, Christine Brestrup, Maureen Pollock
Guests: Robert Cann (Resident). Dave Ziomek
Others Present: Emily S, Jacob D

Meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm.

1. Public Comment by Robert Cann
 - a. Neighborhood is concerned about increased traffic on Mill Ln due to future spray park traffic.
 - i. Is the traffic going to be a danger?
 - b. TAC is going to look into this issue further and discuss it at the next meeting.
 - i. Ziomek states that the construction timeline is 60% done this fall, 40% in the spring, with the spray park opening in June of 2019.
 - c. Traffic study was waived because the planning board made the decision that the intersection would not be impacted at the nearby intersection.
 - i. Things will still be looked at
 - d. Subcommittee would like to arrange a walk with neighborhood members.
2. Announcements
 - a. Dave Ziomek – MassWorks Grant for redoing intersection of Sunderland and Montague Rd
 - i. Submitting grant again this year
 1. Will be the third time
 2. Will include new streetscape designs, new sidewalks
 - ii. For all of N Amherst Village Center
 1. Up to Cowles Rd area
 - iii. Intersection design concepts are open
 - iv. A letter from the TAC can be written in support
 1. Motion for letter: 4-0-0
 - b. Aaron – Select Board meeting
 - i. About recommendation for S Amherst cut-off
 1. SB very supportive and accepted it
3. Emily and Jake – PVPC Amherst Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan
 - a. Scope of work
 - i. Started with Existing Conditions Groundwork
 1. Town provided background studies and information
 - ii. Would like to have info from past meetings, about intersections, etc.
 1. TAC members will help provide info

- b. Bicycle and Pedestrian Suitability Analysis
 - i. Look at existing conditions of bike/ped network
 - 1. GIS and demographic analysis
 - ii. Bicycle level of stress
 - 1. Shows how a cyclist feels riding on a road based on current conditions
 - a. Focuses on the rider and the type of rider
 - i. 4 categories of riders
 - b. Includes street width, sum of lanes, parking on street, lane blockage, speed limit, etc
 - 2. Cycletrack model is a type of shared use model for pedestrian and bike use
 - 3. All roads in Amherst are going to be assessed.
 - iii. Demographics
 - 1. Around 12 indicators assessed
 - a. Some of these factors have a cycle applied to them and match them to the conditions on the ground getting a Likely-hood Bicycle Trip Index
 - b. Also done for pedestrian traffic as well
 - iv. Crash Data Analysis is also done
 - 1. Crash density analysis
 - a. Those accidents reported to MassDOT
 - 2. Crash Cluster Intersections
 - a. Estimated Property Damage – Essentially a crash severity index
 - 3. All types of Accidents looked at
- c. Public Engagement
 - i. Involves the local team (the TAC) and two public forums
 - 1. Public forums in October and December
 - ii. TAC will plan the public forums
- d. Review of Transportation Plan
 - i. A Vision Statement needs to be created for this process based on the Vision Statement in the Transportation Plan
 - ii. Plan will be edited and altered based on information gathered from TAC members and public forum information.
 - iii. New Vision Statement:
 - 1. TAC members weighed in with wording/phrasing suggestions
 - iv. Map Input
 - 1. Committee members given direction on different map analysis needs and worked on filling in gaps in networks

4. Next meetings
 - a. September 12, 26
 - b. October 10, 20
5. Adjourned at 6:30 pm

Minutes compiled by: A. Taylor