

## Minutes, Amherst Transportation Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 10, 2018

First Floor, Town Hall - 5:00 PM

Members Present: Aaron Hayden, Bruce Carson, Kimberly Tremblay, Mark Rabinsky, Eve Vogel

Staff Present: Guilford Mooring

Others Present: Henry Lappen, Nonni Burack

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Meeting started: 5:00 pm.

1. Shade Tree Committee presentation
  - a. Expressed concerns about Shade Trees in Amherst and how with further road and pathway development tree belt areas become decreased, not allowing for trees to be planted.
  - b. Eve asked how trees would be prioritized if a sidewalk were to go in.
    - i. Large trees would be prioritized, but the area could be looked at so that precautionary measures could be taken in order to conserve the trees and their health.
  - c. Committee members said it would be difficult to have a set policy, but will be willing to look at this issue project to project and start looking at it early on.
  - d. Trees could be included in Complete Streets plans as accommodations for avoidance of them can be turned into traffic calming measures.
  - e. The APSTC was asked to send reference material on species that would fare better near roads and guidelines for their planting.
  - f. Both TAC and Shade Tree Committee agreed best approach would be to bring STC in early.
2. Mill Lane resident concerns
  - a. Two different pieces to the issue
    - i. Overall traffic
    - ii. Issues of intersection
  - b. Would also like to see the sidewalk extended to the bike trail
  - c. Committee is also looking at the issue of parking on the street near the softball field
    - i. If there is parking on the street, it may act as a traffic calming measure
  - d. Subcommittee could do a walk of the area.
3. Sidewalk Policy (PVPC/Pedestrian bike plan)
  - a. Meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Goal will be to collect information from people
      1. Why they do/don't use things
    - ii. Will have crash data, road speed data, demographic data
4. Approval of September 26<sup>th</sup> minutes
  - a. Approved 4-0-1

5. Announcements
  - a. Because of the Station Rd bridge closure, the South Amherst common plan has been postponed
6. Project List
  - a.
7. Next meetings
  - a. October 24<sup>th</sup> (with PVPC)
  - b. November 14<sup>th</sup>
  - c. December 12<sup>th</sup>

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