

DENNIS ROAD SAFETY TASK FORCE
Minutes of Meeting of September 19, 2019
120 Theophilus Smith Road
South Dennis MA, 02660

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Members Present – Hank Bowen Chair, Thom Huettner, Paul Stankus, Robert Surette and Phil McCarthy
Staff Liaison Present – Tom Andrade Town Engineer and DPD Safety Officer Chris Hennigan

Mr. Bowen opened the meeting at 4:34pm and there being no members of the public present dispensed with the OML recording statement.

Committee Concerns – Mr. Stankus again mentioned the need for a reflector on new telephone pole at OBRR entrance to Johnny Kelley Park. He also stated a concern that residents' requests for crosswalks be addressed more timely and recommended wherever possible. A long discussion followed resulting in suggestions that we look at setting criteria to use in analyzing crosswalk placements and that a survey be undertaken to establish a listing of all existing crosswalks.

Mr. Surette said he believed that Committee Concerns, a nonspecific agenda item, was taking up a lot of meeting time and is too vague. He suggests dropping it from the agenda. Mr. Huettner said we might explore placing Committee Concerns at the end of the agenda.

Liaison Reports – Officer Hennigan noted a request for a Stop Sign at Main St just off Rte. 134 which was not recommended. He also reported that he has put in replacement requests for the damaged signs mentioned at last meeting.

Mr. Andrade expressed frustration that Lawrence Lynch Corp seems to be dragging its feet with regard to completing the South Gages Way bike crossing signals and addressing past issues with the Main St Crossing near the old Town Hall. He updated the committee on the Rte. 28 segmented reconstruction project and said Secretary of Transportation Pollack recently reviewed the Dennis Port project. He also mentioned that the Ezra Baker Safe Route To School grant request is being put together by Principal Kevin Depin and D-Y facilities manager Sandra Cashen working with the DOT SRTS program coordinator.

5:13pm Mr. Surette leaves for another meeting.

Old Business

- The sidewalk master plan per Mr. Andrade was first developed in 2009 with adjustments in 2012. He never knows how much will be appropriated annually but it's usually between \$99, 000. and 300,000. He recommended that in trying to prioritize where to build new sidewalks that the criteria used be safety, volume, continuity and budget. He passed out his current listings and showed a color coded map and said he'd refine the list map and send them to us.
- At 5:35pm Mr. Andrade left for a Wastewater Management meeting.
- Ezra Baker School parking issue – see Mr. Andrade's report, supra.
- Oak St. Crosswalk – consensus was that there being a lack of a suitable location, it not be recommended at this time.
- Great Western Rd bike path crossing lights – waiting to see if a grant request is funded.

Minutes – ON MOTION OF MR. HUETTNER SECONDED BY MR. STANKUS THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 15, 2019 MEETING WERE APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 4-0

Mr. Bowen tentatively set the next meeting for Oct. 17, 2019

ON MOTION OF MR. STANKUS SECONDED BY MR HUETTNER IT WAS AT 6:03PM VOTED 4-0 TO ADJOURN.