

DENNIS ROAD SAFETY TASK FORCE  
Minutes of Meeting of August 15, 2019  
120 Theophilus Smith Road  
South Dennis MA 02660

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Members Present- Hank Bowen Chair, Robert Surette and Phil McCarthy  
Staff Liaison Present- Tom Andrade, Town Engineer and DPD Safety Officer Chris Hennigan

Select Board Liaison Sheryl McMahan also present

Mr. Bowen opened the meeting at 4:40 pm and there being no members of the public present dispensed with the OML recording statement.

Committee Concerns – Mr. Bowen called attention to two traffic signs on 6A in need of repair. Ms. McMahan also commented on two sign issues. Mr. Andrade will contact the state. Mr. McCarthy said that after watching the Select Board deal with the streetlight recommendations the committee sent them he would like to see the RSTF include with their recommendations a cost estimate whenever feasible.

Liaison Reports - Officer Hennigan reported that the traffic division has secured a new speed read out device, a traffic data recorder and a hand held radar speed reader. A brief discussion regarding placement of the speed read out device followed and Mr. Andrade will look into whether state permission/oversight is needed to place on a state highway such as 6A or 28 and location will be determined later.

Mr. Andrade reported that chip sealing will continue on various town roads that the rte. 134 sidewalk from Rte. 6A to Forest Pines Dr. is being rebuilt and a sidewalk survey is being done in area of the blueberry patches. He reported on deteriorating exposed rebar under Lower County Swan River Bridge. Necessary repairs with traffic rerouted will run 4-6 weeks. He also said the state was replacing piles under Rte.28 Bass River Bridge with a 2023 plan to replace the bridge.

#### Old Business

- Select Board approved of the request for two alternates.
- South St/School St – no parking signs up and working for now.

- Oak St/Old Wharf crosswalk request- Count on Friday Aug, 9<sup>th</sup> between 9am-11am showed 46 crossing with no difficulty and from 1:30pm - 3:00pm a total of 20, 13 southbound 7 northbound. Discussion followed regarding placement of a safe landing area and it was agreed that the only place where it could reasonably be placed (NE corner of Oak) would not align with traffic flow and wouldn't be used. Also concern was expressed of too many along that stretch of Old Wharf. There was no strong sentiment to recommend a crosswalk right now.
- Maritime Landing- M. Bowen spoke to Mr. Fortier and nothing new to report
- Streetlight Requests – the Select Board has approved and funds are in budget.
- Ezra H Baker Innovation School. The state has posted rte. 28 in front of school with no parking signs and work on further safety improvements are ongoing via submission of a Safe Routes To School Grant Request to DOT.
- Miller Rd. nothing further to report.
- Plymouth Sign- the ladder board at New Boston/Beach St has been relocated and works much better. At SB meeting owner said he was going to clean up the signs admitting maintenance is needed and agreed only renting to businesses.
- 15 Great Western- following yet another accident the chevrons have been replaced and engineering is still looking into tweaking the intersection.
- South Gages Way – waiting for bike crossing warning lights to be wired.

#### New Business

- Great Western Rd. Bike crossing signal request- there is a grant request pending for a push button crossing signal. Ms. McMahon suggested another crossing further down Great Western that could possibly be funded jointly with Harwich.
- Rte.6A/134 request for pedestrian activated crosswalk- Mass Dot knows the signals are old but to move to new pedestrian activated crosswalk signals would require an entire, complete redesign of the intersection, something they're not about to get into now. Discussion found no one who has noticed any significant number of pedestrians crossing here. Things will stay as they are now.
- Sidewalk Master Plan- Tabled
- Minutes – **On Motion Of Mr. Surette seconded by Mr. Bowen the minutes of meeting of July, 18 2019 were approved by a vote of 3-0.**

Mr Bowen stated the next meeting is tentatively set for September 19, 2019

**On Motion of Mr. Surette Seconded by Mr. McCarthy it was at 6:25pm voted (3-0) to adjourn.**

