

Minutes of Bike/Ped Meeting re Cottage Road
Planning Department
Nov 21, 2017
7:30- 9 AM

Members present

Alan Mills, Bike/Ped Comm.; Steve Sawyer, Sebago Technics; Sue Henderson, Councilor, Bike/Ped Comm.; Rosemarie De Angelis, Chair Bike/Ped; Erik Weisenburger, Bike/Ped Comm; Angie Eccles, resident; Charles Hauser, Planning Director, John Sutton, police department; Ross Elliot; resident; Ken Hutchins, resident, Brenda Westin, resident; Laura Mauldin, resident; Erik Weisenburger, Bike/Ped Committee; James Tasse, Bike/Ped Committee; Carl Eppich, Bike/Ped Committee.

Minutes of Nov 8 accepted

Discussion of Nov 15 Community Forum

Tex distributed a list of public comments for the group to review. Over 50 people attended. Concerns about safety, particularly re crossing children were powerfully stated.

Plans for trial curb extensions

Jim and Steve looked at places for curb extensions and bollards. These may not always be linked to existing cross walks. Projected to do at Fairlawn and Cottage, Ellesmere, Angel and Stone and Cliff

It was discussed having a cruiser available for two hours on Nov 28th while being installed. Speed mats will be put down after bollards are installed and speed will be assessed with bollards in place and then after they are removed. They will be up one week approx. Snow will disrupt the testing.

Brenden volunteered to observe traffic during the test. Steve said some strange things will likely be observed. Erik also volunteered to observe from 7:15- 9 AM two mornings will the test is in place and two mornings when the bollards are removed. Check lists will be developed for observers.

We may have emergency vehicles test out before finalizing and also consider rumble strips in cross walks.

It was noted the cross walk at Fairlawn is the one most commonly used. A tree growing out of the pavement blocks the view of the stop sign.

Items on the list from the forum were discussed such as the need for improved lighting. Tex noted that the plan to change bulbs will also include improving lighting in general.

Rectangular flashing beacons (RFBs) were also mentioned, we will have some of these too in the final product. Tex stated that the Council would need to approve the budget.

Center median were also presented as a possibility by Steve. These could be about 50 feet long and placed on straight roads, perhaps in places like near the cape border or in front of the Cong. Church. Church parking was considered as a potential problem with this idea.

The area by the Vets and DiPietro's has been identified as a high crash site. We need to look at parking and curb cuts by the Vet's and loading zones for DiPietro's. Perhaps the curb cut by the Vet should be closed? Will need to consider how people can get in and out of parking area. The cross walk could be moved further down, away from the high crash area.

Recorder
Susan Henderson