

**TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Traffic Safety Committee

DATE: January 3, 2019

TIME: 7:00pm

PLACE: Boxborough Town Hall, 29 Middle Road, Boxborough, MA 01719

Committee Members Present: Tonya Andersen, Karen Argento, Alex Kerin, Owen Neville, Buzz Tremblay

Committee Members Absent: Police Chief Warren Ryder (Ex Officio)

Ex Officio Committee Members Present:

Others Present:

Call to Order: 7:11PM

Topics discussed:

1. Review/approve Minutes: Minutes of the October 30, 2018 meeting were reviewed and approved. It was uncertain that these minutes were approved at a previous meeting on 11/20/2018.
2. Old Business:
 - Off meeting hours report was taken.
 - Crosswalks-Places Engineers chose not to bid on crosswalks engineering. We are looking for Places to recommend alternative engineering companies. Alex will talk with the Complete Streets consulting company for recommendations. Owen suggested a Town Meeting (TM) “placeholder” to ensure that there is at least an item for the warrant that the town boards are aware of. The placeholder can always be withdrawn if we do not have a concrete number in time. Projects include items such as a sidewalk (school to library), crosswalks/flushing lights at Middle/Stow Roads and Rte 111. Karen will investigate costs that Acton incurred at Rte 27 crossing.
 - Warrant Article-Alex reported on his presentation to the BOS on our 25MPH recommendation. It was well received by the BOS. They were not in a position to formally respond at this point until they see all of the warrant articles. There is also costing involved due to the need for posted signs announcing the 25MPH speed limit throughout town unless otherwise noted. Owen will speak with the Chief and DPW regarding sign cost. The TSC discussed warrant article wording and agreed to the following:

ACCEPT MGL c. 90, § 17 LIMITING TRAFFIC SPEED ON ROADS WITH NO POSTED SPEED LIMIT

To determine whether the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws c. 90, § 17C: Establishment of 25-miles-per-hour speed limit in thickly settled areas or business district in a city or town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Discussion: Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016 was adopted by the Massachusetts legislature and is known as Municipal Modernization Act. Section 193 of the Act allows municipalities to “opt-in” to

Massachusetts General Laws c.90, § 17C by vote of Town Meeting and thereby authorize the Select Board to reduce the statutory speed limit on all town-owned roadways (i.e. roads with no existing *posted* speed limit) in thickly-settled areas and business districts from 30 m.p.h. to 25 m.p.h. This legislation only affects streets that are currently governed by a statutory speed limit. If an existing special speed regulation is in place, it will continue to govern. Other communities in Massachusetts that have adopted this section of Chapter 90 include: Littleton, Concord. Boston, Belmont, Lexington, Winchester and Arlington.

3. New Business:

- Set TSC meeting dates: deferred until all members are present

4. Other Business/Public Input: none

5. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 15, 2019

6. Adjourn: 7:50PM