

**TOWN OF BOXBOROUGH
MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING**

BOARD/COMMITTEE: Traffic Safety Committee

DATE: March 5, 2019

TIME: 7:00pm

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

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

Committee Members Absent: Tonya Anderson

Ex Officio Committee Members Present: Police Chief Warren Ryder

Others Present: Gail Welsh

Call to Order: 7:10 PM

Topics discussed:

1. Review/approve Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. Old Business:
 - Off meeting hours report was taken
 - Crosswalk Update-Alex submitted request to DPW for quotes on 2 sidewalks (school area and Stow/Middle/Mass Ave). Chief will draft a letter for Alex to send to School District regarding the lights at the school crosswalk. Karen reported on her inquiries to the Town of Acton regarding their numerous flashing crossing signals. The estimated cost is 25/26K per. Studies need to be done and state needs to approve once funding has been secured. It would be helpful to know the source of funding for the Acton lights. Crosswalk lights on state roads present additional complications. Most of Acton's are on town owned roads.
 - Street Line Painting-Karen to approach the DPW regarding their plans to do line painting on newly resurfaced streets in town.
3. New Business:
 - Recreation Commission Request-the RecCom has requested that we do a bike safety course the week of 5/20. TSC agreed and set a tentative date of 5/21. We will outreach to the RecCom for staffing assistance. In reviewing the initial course offering it was felt that we need to do a better job of preparing material for each safety station.
 - Boxborough Town Report-Alex was asked, and submitted, material to be included in the town annual report.
4. Other Business/Public Input:
 - Citizen Concern (reported by Ch Ryder)-Mark White sent Ch Ryder a letter regarding the impact of a town zoning by-law change which would allow for the construction of a "box" (high ceiling) storage facility in the area of Mass Ave and I495. His concern is for the amount of truck volume that could be generated by the change and its impact on the town. The TSC will send communication to the Planning Board concerning our expectation that any zoning changes include the

need to address increasing traffic safety concerns and sidewalks in the area. Alex to draft.

- Pine Pasture Run (Gail Welsh)-there is a safety concern regarding vehicles pulling out of the street and oncoming speeding traffic. The concern is general in nature but most evident for new drivers and visitors to the street. Residents sent a letter to the DPW requesting that a mirror be placed at the intersection of Summer Road and Pine Pasture Run. The DPW responded addressing their concerns and not agreeing to the value and need of a mirror. The residents' concern was that the DPW was assuming that the Summer Road traffic was traveling at the posted speed limit. This is not usually the case. Ch Ryder will have a follow up discussion with the DPW.

5. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 2, 2019

6. Adjourn: 8:40PM