

The Regular Meeting of the PWC

Monday, September 8, 2014

In attendance: Holly Schulz, Jay Hardison, Allison Stolar, Katie Keith, Frank Adelman, Mark Adiletta, Dick Poli, Patti Bumgardner, Jim Cameron, Nina Miller, David Young.

Meeting called to order by Chair Mark Adiletta at 8:03.

- 1) First on the agenda was review and acceptance of minutes from last meeting. Frank recommended acceptance and was seconded by Jay. One Abstention, David Young as he was not in attendance.
- 2) The main thrust of tonight's meeting was to discuss how to proceed and who to involve as the PWC considers whether and how to form a Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee as an advisory committee to the Board of Selectman or other town body.
There is currently an ad hoc group consisting of Holly, David and Nina from PW and Laura Mosher, Bill Peters and John Dwek of Public Health and Safety. The six represent each of the six districts in the RTM.

Mark reported on a June 6th meeting with Jayme Stevenson, Don Anderson and Sue Cameron, Mark suggested that if such an advisory committee is to be created that the formation subcommittee begin to reach out to other pertinent members of town committees and boards. Don Anderson, the safety officer of the DPD, Susan Cameron, chair of P&Z and of course, 1st Selectwoman Jayme Stevenson. Going forward, should Finance and Budget be contacted? How about the Board of Education because of sidewalks leading to the schools? Susan Cameron mentioned at the June meeting that the Town Plan of Conservation and Development, which is currently being updated, had previously recommended several safety measures. The committee asked for a list of which of these had been implemented. The DPD supports sidewalks and related ordinances. Of concern are the many long and serious gaps in sidewalk connectivity especially in high volume areas such as Edgerton Rd. and Christie Hill Rd. Another concern that Katie, being a member of the Tree Commission, brought up is that because trees continue to grow even while in a sidewalk, many of the sidewalks in town will have to be redone. Patti suggested that another board to be involved may be TGS&A. Why, because of ADA compliance issues and repositioning people's private property to install a sidewalk in certain areas. Another question is should Town Counsel be involved?

Items to be addressed: Which, if any, of the several safety measures mentioned by Susan Cameron have been implemented?

Has the Board of Education taken any action about the connectivity-or lack thereof- issue?

After much discussion from various committee members such as Allison Stolar who has vast and recent experience on how to approach and what boards to approach...BOS or RTM?...it was agreed that the PWC form the aforementioned subcommittee, call it the Pedestrian Safety SubCommittee, and meet separately to consider these actions: How to get broad support from other committees; who to approach, the BOS, the chair of the RTM; how to include the different districts and how to get the word out to the general public about our efforts and receive input from our constituents. David Young suggests that we determine what our "end game" should be.

Patti, Mark and Allison all motioned to form this subcommittee to “construct a formation and process of Public Safety” to address the actions noted and make a recommendation to the full PWC. The PWC will again in October to deliberate on the subcommittee findings and recommendations. The Pedestrian Safety advisory subcommittee consists of Frank Adelman, Holly Schultz, David Young, Katie Keith and Nina Miller.

Mark Adiletta motioned to adjourn this meeting at 9:04 and Jim Cameron seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Nina Miller