Traffic Safety Committee

Minutes for September 16 2020

Called to order 7:01 pm by Chair Beltis

Members present: Jerry Beltis, Aram Goshgarian, , Linda Cebula, Jerry Scannell, Lincoln Hooper,

 Griffin Ryder (note that Jerry Scannell joined at 730 pm)

Others present: Cyndi Williams Jay Skowronek Fred Ritva

Note: minutes follow order of posted agenda

1. Call to order 7:01 pm

2 Approval of minutes from November 12, 2019. Motion to approve by Hooper , second by Ryder Approved roll call vote 5-0-0.

3 no correspondence

4 Old Business

a. Policy on Traffic Calming - adopted by BOS in December 2019.

b. Status on Miles/South/Pleasant

 Hooper reported that he had a meeting with Eversource to trim trees. New pole is in ground.

 Still open- close the slipper lane, widen the remaining road

 Utility needs to move the wires.

c. Sidewalk from Harwich Port to harbor

While the town has spent extensively to improves the harbor property, pedestrian access and the complete streets concept are still issues. In 2015 BOS requested to MA DOT that there be a sidewalk. Have been requesting updates sine 2018 ( note that this is not a town road). Mass grant application was made and rejected. Mass TIP a possibility but the design exceptions regulations have been tightened. This is still at least 2 years away.

d. Visibility at Freeman/Route 28

Ryder reported that there is a new engineering study at that intersection. There has been some trimming but there are hedges on private property, not in the town right of way.

e. Crosswalk issues on Rte 28

This would be a state project as route 28 is a state road. To date, feedback from state has been that crosswalks here would not meet guidelines

5 New Business

a. Lights in Harwich Port

 Skowronek spoke to the accident where a person was struck by a car while crossing rte 28

In the Port. Called for consideration of crossing lights: Hooper noted that pedestrian lights cost about $100,000 per set and would have to be done by MADOT ( state road). The accident report from HPD concluded that both parties were at fault: pedestrian was not in a crosswalk, both were distracted from task at hand. Goshgarian noted that speed enforcement and people on their phones continues to be culprits.

Also noted that the width of the street ( ie right of way) will not allow for bike paths etc, need approx. 45 feet to do so. Hooper noted that the sidewalks were rebuilt about 10 years ago and are ADA compliant. Hooper also noted that MADOT has a study in procees on Route 28 from Falmouth to end.

B Samoset lane. Speed is set at 40 MPH.

c. Other business

Goshgarian noted that this summer has been average as regards HPD. Covid ahs limited interpersonal interactions.

Question as to a prior town meeting article on additional police electronic speed signs. Moved

Around by request.

Ritva spoke to excessive speed on Pleasant Street. Narrow road used extensively as a way to avoid going through the Port. Was advised to obtain the new traffic Calming Policy from the website and make a request for review.

Adjournment 7:50 pm

Minutes by Linda Cebula, Minute approved 06/09/2021