



TOWN OF BELLINGHAM

Transportation Committee
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Bellingham Transportation Committee

Meeting Notes – Tuesday February 6, 2024 @ 10:00am

Meeting Location – Arcand Meeting Room; 10 Mechanic St Bellingham, MA

Attendees

- Sahan Sahin, Denis Fraine/Beth Cornell-Smith, Amy Sutherland, Sergeant Chris Padula, Jesse Riedle, Sean Harrington, Dominic Mancini (via zoom) & David Ahnert

Discussion

The Committee opened by talking about the process when receiving requests/concerns. It was agreed that there would be an online request form with an auto-generated response when completed. DPW would respond to all requests and the Select Board would make the final determination on requests after it was discussed by the Transportation Committee.

Motion to approve a request form - Approved.

Website:

Discussed the process for the website. Should we record meetings, the zoom option will continue, agendas/meeting dates would be posted to the website. The group then talked about creating a formal, transparent process.

191 Paine St:

DPW has already installed two (2) blinking, yellow arrow signs at this location. There is potential for another sign between the mailbox and light pole. Sergeant Padula recommended a site meeting to discuss. The goal is to improve safety. No vote, area to be assessed.

Center St @ Pulaski Blvd:

A street sign located on the island here gets continuously hit and knocked down. A possible solution would be to cut the island back 3-5' and re-install the sign. There was further discussion about what other towns are doing and who/why is hitting the island and sign.

Motion to modify the island - Approved.

Pine Warbler Way:

There was a request to address the issue of traffic from the light on Pulaski Blvd at Center St. Traffic backs up blocking Pine Warbler Way. This request has been received in the past.

Motion to add cross hatches and *Do Not Block* signage - Approved.

Lisa Ann Dr:

Resident asked that signage be added near Theresa Rd due to a bus stop at that location. Cost for flashing signs was discussed (up to \$1,500 ea)

Motion to install regular signage – Approved (Pending site meeting)

1380 Pulaski Blvd:

This is a request for a guardrail or some protection from cars coming down Pulaski Blvd. There were questions about installing a guardrail, location of a guardrail, should this be owner's responsibility. Sergeant Padula said he'd like to see the area.

This is tabled for now. The Committee would like to check MassDOT regs.

Bike Signs:

DPW was able to get a grant for forty (40) bike signs. The state did pay for the signs, posts & delivery. The group talked about different ideas on how to roll the signs out, notify etc. One idea was to start with 3-5 locations and see how that goes.

Motion to install signs based on locations & notification of residents – Approved

Caroline Dr Parking Issues:

The Committee discussed parking issues on Caroline Dr by parents waiting for their kids at the bus. This was a past zoning issue. Are there responsibilities by the School Dept to adjust the routes? DPW must reach out to Michael Roache to discuss.

New Business

168 Mendon St – Owner wants a sign within the Right of Way (ROW) to be moved.
Rapid Refill – “No Left Turn Sign” must be re-installed.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, 3/12 @ 10am; Will plan to have these meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.