

Town of Scarborough, Maine

Transportation Committee – Regular Meeting March 18, 2014 – Council Chambers B, Town Hall

Call to Order and Introductions

Dan called the meeting to order at 6:38PM. The committee took attendance. Committee members Steve Berg and Ron Mazer were in attendance.

Roger Chabot, Carol Rancourt, Judy Roy and Richard Sullivan were absent.

Town staff Dan Bacon, Jim Wendel and Mike Shaw were in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

The committee members tabled this item given there wasn't a quorum of the committee.

Discuss Crosswalk Review and Approval Process

Mike Shaw presented this item and indicated that Public Works often gets inquiries by the public and neighborhood associations that are interested in seeing crosswalks installed at various locations that seem like good ideas, but may or may not be warranted per MUTCD. He asked that the Transportation Committee work with staff to consider a process for the Town to review these request and make a determination whether such a crosswalk is warranted or not. Dan and Mike mentioned that the Town's "Traffic Calming Policy" maybe a good template from which to consider a Crosswalk Policy. This policy document outlines a step by step process residents and then the town go through to consider traffic calming measures. Dan indicated that he can provide the committee with this policy for their general knowledge and use, as well as to help consider a crosswalk policy. Ron and Steve both indicated that it was a good initiative to work on and was consistent with the pedestrian efforts by the group. Jim indicated that Bill Bray also recommended the Town have a crosswalk review process.

Dan indicated that the committee should also look at current Transportation Studies for the Town that may have recommendations for crosswalks in areas they don't exist. This may be a good step to see if there are many areas that have already been recommended for crosswalks and that the committee could makes some recommendations on this locations first/too. Staff indicated that we'd try to get that information to the committee for the next meeting.

Update on New Pine Point Bridge

Mike and Jim updated the committee members on the Pine Point Bridge design and the public meeting that was held a few weeks prior. They indicated that the likely approach to

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rebuilding the bridge would be to build a temporary bridge parallel to the existing bridge; demo the existing bridge; and build a new one in that same location. This would keep two lanes of traffic open on Pine Point Rd. The committee discussed this matter.

Update on Pleasant Hill Rd Project

Mike reviewed the scope of work of the Pleasant Hill Rd reconstruction project, which is a Municipal Partnership Initiative with the MDOT with cost sharing, and will be a two-year effort in two phases.

Scheduling of the Next Meeting

The committee discussed and decided on meeting again on April 29, 2014

The meeting concluded at 8:15 PM.