

Town of Scarborough, Maine

Transportation Committee – Regular Meeting May 27th, 2014 – TMCR, Town Hall

Call to Order and Introductions

Dan called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. The committee took attendance. Committee members Ron Mazer, Roger Chabot, Carol Rancourt, Judy Roy, and Jennifer Williams were in attendance.

Richard Sullivan and Steve Berg were absent.

Town staff Dan Bacon, Jim Wendel and consultant Bill Bray were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

The committee members tabled this item given the minutes from the last meeting weren't available.

Discussion on Holmes Rd and Bridges Drive

Dan introduced this item and reviewed that there are concerns with motorists using Bridges Drive to and from Payne Rd to avoid the signalized intersection at Holmes and Payne and that this continues to be a safety concern, particularly for the northbound left turn movement. Given this issue, Bill Bray has conducted a preliminary traffic operational assessment for the intersections.

Bill reviewed the assessment with the committee, including safety trends, sight distance, and in-field observations. Following his assessment he presented three possible improvement alternatives. The committee discussed all three alternatives and decided that alternative 2, widening the Holmes Rd approach and providing an exclusive right-turn lane should be pursued further. This alternative would provide more capacity at the Holmes / Payne intersection, and with some traffic signal adjustments, would make that intersection more efficient and lessen the desire to use Bridges Drive.

The committee discussed next steps, which would include Bill Bray conducting actual traffic counts and performing conceptual design on the Holmes Rd improvements.

Pine Point Rd On-Street Parking Discussion

Dan and Jim introduced this initiative, which was also being reviewed by the Ordinance Committee under updates to the Traffic Ordinance. This initiative has been brought forward to look at how to balance pedestrian, bicycle, and on-street parking on the stretch of Pine Point Rd from East Grand Ave to the driveway to the old cannery. Jim presented a

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concept plan that showed how the road stripping could be modified to accommodate a shared use travel lane for cars and bikes and on-street parking on one side of the street.

The committee discussed this matter in depth and considered a wide range of alternatives, including Jim's proposal as well as other lane delineations that could provide for bike lanes and on-street parking. The committee discussed the need for infrastructure designed to increase safety to all modes of travel. Discussion also occurred on how on-street parking may affect beach pass revenue.

Scheduling of the Next Meeting

The committee discussed and decided on meeting again on August 26th once Bill Bray was able to further the plans for Holmes and Payne Rd

The meeting concluded at 8:20 PM.