

**Transportation Implementation Committee (TIC) Meeting**  
Minutes

Tuesday, January 27, 2015

7:00 p.m.

Town Community Center

In Attendance: TIC members Gail Gallerie, chair, Harry Ellis, Sally Rhoads, Mark Sherman, and Shelly Wright.

Guest: Michael Gold, Town of New Paltz resident

- I. The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.
- II. The minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting were approved as submitted.

Resident Michael Gold shared some concerns and suggestions for the Committee following a presentation of the proposed Mohonk Preserve project on the west side of the Wallkill near property on Jacobs Lane. His concerns revolved around access for emergency vehicles, traffic congestion and traffic issues at Springtown Road and Route 299, Route 208 and Main Street, and on Henry W. DuBois. See attached document from Mr. Gold.

III. Chair's Report:

Gail Gallerie was invited to a meeting in late November with Mayor Jason West to discuss a sidewalk along Route 208 where it runs next to SUNY New Paltz. Due to inclement weather, the meeting did not occur and it has not yet been rescheduled.

G. Gallerie informed the Committee that Town Board Member Jean Gallucci, who served as alternate to Supervisor Zimet and acted as Town Board liaison to this Committee, has resigned and no replacement has yet been named. Ms. Gallerie noted that while J. Gallucci was not always able to attend our meeting, she had been most helpful when she did attend and that Ms. Gallerie was sorry to see her leave the group.

The chair indicated she will be sending a new message to the Committee with confirmed dates and venues for the 2015 TIC meetings. Ms. Gallerie attended the second meeting of the county plan for 2040 this week where the group reviewed a draft of the vision and goals statements.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Bike Ped Committee: Discussion with BPC of collaboration on safety education postponed until next meeting

B. Loop: UCAT reports (Oct/Nov/Dec/4<sup>th</sup> quarter)

G. Gallerie noted the positive quarterly report for the newly established weekend service, but also the decline in weekday ridership. She wondered if the College had any reaction to the numbers. S. Wright indicated that the topic had not yet been discussed by the campus

administration. She indicated she would reach out to the student representative to see if she could glean any insights.

## V. Old Business

### A. Updates

1. Main/Manheim Improvements/DOT Funding: T. Weiner could not attend the meeting. G. Gallerie reported that currently the \$7M promised by DOT earmarked for improvements at Route 299/Manheim recommended by the Transportation and Land Use Study Final Report are still included in the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) list for Ulster County. T. Weiner of DOT indicated that without advocacy from TIC, this could potentially fall off the list for the new 5-year TIP. G. Gallerie had suggested to T. Weiner that he provide a written overview of the current status of this funding for TIC use in planning advocacy efforts.
2. Adjustments to Manheim/Main Traffic signal, adding left turn arrow: S. Rhoads and M. Sherman had suggestions for left arrow signal for southbound traffic at Manheim and Main. G. Gallerie will ask T. Weiner to arrange for left turn signal at southbound as well as northbound and to synchronize signals at both Manheim and Chestnut. Currently only Manheim signals are synchronized.
3. So. Putt project: G. Gallerie shared an email with the TIC about the So. Putt project prior to the meeting. H. Ellis asked about movement of Sunoco ingress/egress onto S. Putt and whether it was still possible to remove it, consistent with tenets of good access management. G. Gallerie will ask Alan Stout to pursue this issue. The original proposal reduced the number of entrances for Sunoco but now the So. Putt ingress/egress is only being moved further south. It was noted that with the new Hampton Inn, there will be additional congestion at this section of So. Putt.
4. Village action on elimination of Main Street parking spaces: G. Gallerie sent to Village Board the TIC's recommendations to eliminate two parking spaces on Main Street. S. Rhoads suggested it become part of package of parking issues the Village would be taking up this month. S. Rhoads indicated the package, which includes 21 items recommended by the ad hoc parking committee (available on the village website), includes the TIC recommendation to remove the space in front of the Likwid store heading west, but not the elimination of the spot on the opposite side of Main Street in front of Rock Da Pasta. S. Rhoads reported that Bobby Downs of Oasis is close to an agreement with the Village to add his 28 parking spots to the municipal lot and create a berm to close off the driveway on Main St. and convert it to a walkway. The ad hoc committee believes this will alleviate the need to remove that spot. H. Ellis expressed concern that without removing the two spaces on each side, vehicles do not have enough room to pass without crossing the yellow line. He suggested measurements be taken.
5. Village action on recommended striping at intersection of N. Front and N. Chestnut/32N: G. Gallerie reports that Village Mayor Jason West, S. Rhoads and the village planner have placed this item on the agenda. The Village Board will need to

write a letter to DOT requesting that the state stripe this portion of the Route 32 bypass that is considered state highway. T. Weiner has said previously that DOT is willing to do so if they have such a letter. S. Rhoads indicated that the village had scheduled a general signage meeting for Jan. 30. It was discussed that a left turn, right turn and straight ahead signs are needed at the bottom of N. Front where it intersections with N. Chestnut/32. S. Rhoads indicated she would like to discuss with T. Weiner the elimination of three parking meters/spaces along S. Chestnut because she has emails from individuals opposed to their removal. G. Gallerie reiterated the DOT comment that if the state is asked to restripe at the intersection of Main and Route 208 northbound, it would eliminate the option of a second lane.

6. Bus shelters/Village: postponed
7. Grates and cross walk striping updates: postponed
8. Center striping at Main S./Wurts Ave: S. Rhoads offered to talk to Village Public Works Superintendent Bleu Terwilliger about this issue.
9. Suggested Committee priorities:
  - a. Wallkill Bridge replacement: Committee members discussed the need for assurance that the county will have an advisory committee from the community like that for S. Putt improvements when they start planning to replace the Wallkill River Bridge. One idea was to ask that the town administration push this issue with the county. G. Gallerie was not aware if Supervisor Susan Zimet had talked to County Planner David Doyle yet about this. H. Ellis said he would like to see four lanes on the bridge.
  - b. Events traffic/parking grant: G. Gallerie is planning to pursue this for the next cycle with applications due in December 2015.

H. Ellis raised two issues: 1) lack of signage for the whole length of N. Front needs to be addressed, and 2) the lighting by the entrance to Starbucks is poor and he feels this portion of the intersection should be well lit for pedestrians walking after dark.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelly A. Wright

Next Meeting: March 24, 2015, at 7 p.m. at Village Hall