

## Transportation Implementation Committee Meeting

February 28, 2017

Attendees: Allan Bowdery, Stacy Delarade, Harry Ellis, Gail Gallerie, Martin Irwin, Josh Tabak

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

Motion made, seconded and adopted to approve the minutes of November 15, 2016 as distributed.

Gail welcomed Josh as an official member of the committee pursuant to his appointment by the Town Council.

Marty Irwin was also welcomed as the new Town Council liaison and Gail noted how quickly he began performing his liaison responsibilities.

Gail announced that Sally Rhoads has resigned from the committee.

### Committee Reports

BPC. In Tom Rocco's absence there was no report. Allan shared a photo he'd taken of a crosswalk sign hung from a traffic light. There was agreement that overhead signs offer the advantage over the signs we have that have to be placed and removed each day.

Loop Reports. The reports for November, December and the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter had been distributed with the meeting materials. Gail reported that progress is being made on the scheduling of a meeting with the students and college staff.

### Old Business

- A. So. Putt project. The update was that land acquisitions had not been completed and concern was expressed for that being accomplished in time for tree removal to occur in March before the bats resume residence. If tree removal does not occur in this time frame, the project will not be completed this year as planned.
- B. Carmine Liberta Bridge. With the completion and opening of the pedestrian walkway in January, this project was fully completed. Gail briefed the committee on an issue that has arisen between the county and the village over the maintenance of the bridge and observation deck. The county feels that this project represents such a major contribution by the county that the village should assume responsibility for maintenance, e.g. grass cutting, graffiti removal, etc. The Village's position is that it does not have the manpower to assume this responsibility and that the county should maintain it as it would any other county project. Mayor Rogers reported to Gail that he had been successful in negotiating with the Village DPW an agreement for the Village to do snow removal on the walkway and observation. Gail reported having observed the DPW doing just that following the mid-Feb. storm.
- C. Village requests for crosswalks. Still pending these requests being received by the appropriate DOT official.

- D. Town Requests for Rt. 299 and 208 improvements. Still pending county response.
- E. Painted stop signs at Albany Post/Butterville intersection. Harry noted how pleased he is with how effective these stop signs have been and that concerns about white paint not holding up to wintry weather have not materialized. Josh concurred with the assessment of the benefit of these signs.

#### New Business

- A. Meeting with DOT re: CVS, et. al. projects. The Town Planning/Zoning Board facilitated the scheduling of a meeting on January 4 which was attended by representatives of DOT, the county, Village/Town and the proposed CVS developer. Gail represented TIC at that meeting and described the meeting as having been singularly productive and informative, an assessment with which Stacy concurred. Gail reviewed some of the major points of that discussion which included clarification of the elimination of the slip-road at N. Putt and DOT's negative assessment of that intersection's capacity for future development of the Putt Corners corridor.

The meeting concluded with agreement that DOT would reissue its conceptual approval and comments on the CVS/Five Guys project. Stacy distributed copies of the February 23, 2017 letter from DOT's Lee Zimmer to Town Engineer Dave Clouser. Gail agreed to forward to the committee the notes taken during the January meeting by the Planning Board's traffic consultant. Committee members are to review these documents for further discussion at next month's meeting.

- B. TIC focus for 2017. Harry presented an overview of suggestions he had developed. Copies will be forwarded to the committee for detailed discussion at the March meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail K. Gallerie