

## Minutes of the Transportation Implementation Committee Meeting

March 27, 2018

Present: Allan Bowdery, Harry Ellis, Gail Gallerie and William Murray

Guests: Amy and Terry Barton, Mark Sherman

- I. The Chair called the meeting to order in the Community Center at 7:00 p.m.
- II. After amending to correct the spelling of “unanimously,” the minutes of the January 23, 2018 meeting were approved as distributed.
- III. Chair’s Report: included with discussion of agenda items.
- IV. Committee Reports
  - A. Bike/Ped Committee: Bill reported that the BPC had held its monthly meeting the evening before and their discussion had focused on (1) scheduling a meeting with DOT; (2) advocating for local adoption of the 3’ rule ; and (3) identifying items for the agenda for the upcoming joint meeting of TIC and BPC.
    1. Joint meeting: will be held on April 24 at 7 p.m. in Village Hall. It was suggested that the issue of cyclist and pedestrian visibility be included for discussion.

Loop Reports: the January and February reports had been distributed with the meeting materials. Note was taken of ridership continuing to be down from last year.

The Student Association representative was unable to attend the meeting but Gail reported that work on the development of the video to promote use of the Loop had been continuing.

- V. Old Business (updates)
  - A. So. Putt Corners Road project. Work began the previous day and the project was expected to be completed this calendar year.
  - B. Taziaki parking space removal. Bill reported that the Village Board attorney had reviewed TIC’s recommendation in this regard and had advised the removal of a parking spot would require the board’s identifying an offsetting addition of another parking space(s)

- C. Proposed stop signs at intersection of Rt.208/Jansen Rod/ Cedar lane

Town Council liaison, Marty Irwin, was unable to attend the meeting. Gail indicated that the last status report was that the committee's recommendation was being reviewed by the NPPD Chief.

Mark Sherman discussed his reservations about the recommended addition of stop signs on Rte.208 at these intersections but acknowledged that unsafe conditions it is intended to address. Mark also has concerns about the committee's earlier recommendation for a reduction in the current speed limit south of these intersections .

- D. Weekend shuttle. Gail reported that she'd made a repeated inquiry of the UCAT Director in an effort to ascertain a cost estimate of the proposed experiment but had not received a reply.

VI. New Business

- A. Improving illumination on Main Street cf. Harry Ellis March 2<sup>nd</sup> email proposing that the Village use decorative lighting on the utility poles it will be installing so as to address the safety issues of motorists having difficulty seeing pedestrians crossing Main Street between Plattekill Avenue and the Chestnut Street intersection. Gail will follow-up with Mayor Rogers on this. It was suggested that perhaps business owners, eg. P&G's, would consider mounting lights on their buildings.
- B. Transportation/Land Use project recommendations. Gail noted how gratifying it was to review the recommendations adopted by the Town and Village boards in 2006 and find how many have been implemented. Gail reported that there is currently an item on Ulster County's T.I.P. for Rte. 299 Capacity and Safety needs, the highest of the town/village's priorities for the funding that DOT had committed for improvements recommended by the T/LU project. State and federal funding cuts resulted in all but a minor amount of that funding disappearing. The current T.I.P. provides \$8.7 million, more than originally provided by DOT, for study to begin in 2022 and be followed by constructions.
- C. A recent experience prompted Harry to become aware of a confusing situation at the intersection of Henry W. DuBois Drive and Duzine Road. Stop signs at Duzine and for eastbound drivers on HWD can create the assumption that there's also one westbound on HWD. There is a westbound stop sign just above that intersection at Mill Road and it was suggested that sign be moved down to Duzine since Mill Road appears to have so little traffic. Gail will follow up with NPPD Chief.

- D. Amy Barton had raised with the Mayor suggestions for a round-about at the bridge/Water/Huguenot streets and for left turning lanes on Main Street between Putt Corners and lower Main. The round-about was considered during the T/LU study and found not to be feasible given insufficient room. Study did recommend left turn lanes for portions of Main Street where they do not now exist but not for the entire distance suggested by Ms. Barton because Main Street is not wide enough to meet DOT standards for all portions identified by her.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. and was followed by Allan's announcement that this was the last committee meeting he would be attending.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail K. Gallerie, scribe pro tem