

Transportation Implementation Committee Meeting

April 25, 2017

Attending: Allan Bowdery, Harry Ellis, Gail Gallerie, David Gilmore, Marty Irwin, Scott Levine, Mark Sherman, Josh Tabak.

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. Motion made by Harry and seconded by Allan to adopt the minutes of the March 28 meeting, after correction of the spelling of Josh's last name, was approved.

In response to a question from Marty, Harry explained what "magic salt" is. Marty reported that the Town Supervisor will soon be advising all town committees that the Open Meetings Law requires that meeting minutes be filed with the Town Clerk, even if only in draft form, within two weeks of meetings.

Committee Reports

BPC. Tom R. was not in attendance to report. Gail provided update on the "two-way-street" project based on her conversation with former BPC Chair who is overseeing this project.

Loop Reports. The new Director of UCAT did not attend but the meeting with college and student government representatives was held on April 4. Allan, Harry and Gail concurred in being very impressed by the interest and thoughtfulness of the SA president and executive vice president. These students offered several good ideas and the meeting resulted in the identification of various action items. Technical difficulties led to a failed attempt to meet with the Director of UCAT via conference call on April 18 which had been rescheduled of May 2.

During the April 4 meeting, the students offered to use social media to survey student opinion and suggestions. As of April 18, 207 students had responded to the survey. Allan had reviewed those responses and found that the two supermarkets are the primary destinations of the student users. Although 50% reported having learned of the Loop through new student orientations or residence hall programs, 50% learned of it through friends. 80% reported finding the Loop "unreliable" and a notable number find the drivers to be unpleasant/unhelpful, etc. Only 29 respondents reported never having used the Loop.

Old Business

Taziaki parking space. After discussion and viewing the video Harry had taken of large vehicles having to move into the oncoming lane to maneuver around vehicles parked in this spot, it was unanimously agreed to renew the recommendation for the removal of this parking space. Note was again taken that the way in which the Village had painted in the space removed from in front of Likwid indicates that moving vehicles cannot enter that space. Allan agreed to contact the Village's DPW superintendent to discuss replacing the stripes with markings that prevent parking but allow westbound vehicles to move into that space. Tom W. offered to look into the suggestion of a dotted line at this site.

DOT response to Village crosswalk requests

The Village had received DOT's response that it will give further consideration to the request for a crosswalk at Main and Prospect. DOT's greater openness to this proposal may be due to the possibility of curbing restoration a part of an application to add a second story to the gas station at that site and/or a change in DOT personnel. DOT has not responded to the requests for crosswalks at Main and Church or on Rte. 32 near BOCES.

TIC Recommendations re: Rt. 208 speed limit and Springtown /Mountain Rest stop sign

Gail reported that these recommendations have not yet been offered to the Town Council for consideration. Marty has agreed to follow-up on this. DOT response to Town request for speed reduction on Rt. 32 N.

DOT had notified the Town that its request for a speed reduction to 40 mph between River Road and Ann Street had been denied. Because of differences in conditions, Tom W . does not believe that DOT's response to this request suggests that this committee's recommendation for speed reduction on 208 (cf. above) would also be denied.