

DIP Minutes 5/13/19

Meeting Commenced at 6:04 P.M.

In Attendance: Members: Andy Harris, Ben Rossi, Gar Morse, Steve Carhart, Carley Cook, Kirk Svetaka, and Chris Shea, DPW Director Chuck Dam, Project and Facilities Manager Nate Desrosiers, Resident Bob Coyne

The minutes from the DIP meeting on 4/24/19 were approved.

Nate informed us that no bids had been received relating to the Complete Streets Project submissions. Salem, which had larger projects and submitted earlier also received no bids. Ben suggested that time restraints probably weighed heavily on the lack of response. It was agreed that bids should be submitted in the fall for spring work. It was later suggested that sending out bids in summer for fall or spring work would be preferable. Ben asked if VHB could give our committee updated estimates on the individual projects. Chuck and DPW plan to request a one year extension of the grant and feel confident that it will happen based on the circumstances.

Initial discussions revolved around the School / Central intersection. Gar hoped we could improve the situation in front of Crosby's corner (School / Union). Nate indicated that DPW has repaired the drain but nothing else can be done now for other reasons. Chris suggested marking the intersection with painted lines creating the same effect as the Complete Streets scenario. This would keep cars and trucks from hitting the curb.

With regard to Beach / Union Street Gar insisted that a number of parking spots would be lost. We asked DPW to provide us with the before and after versions to show the effect on parking. Several suggestions were raised as how to improve parking. Kirk again suggested that the enforcement of existing parking regulations will help. Chris mentioned that Acting Chief Fitzgerald was invited to this meeting but was away in Europe. He will be happy to attend in the future. Chris and Ben agreed that marking individual parking spots can improve the situation.

The Beach Street sidewalk proposal is still waiting the results of the current survey. Bob Coyne attended the meeting to address that issue.

Gar made a motion that the town repair the sidewalk and catch basin in front of the Crosby's property. After discussion there was not a second to the motion.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, June 24th at 6:00 PM

Meeting adjourned 6:50 PM

Respectfully submitted
Chris Shea