

DIP Minutes 6/24/19

Meeting Commenced at 6:00 P.M.

In Attendance: Members: Ben Rossi, Gar Morse, Steve Carhart, Carley Cook, Kirk Svetaka, and Chris Shea, Project and Facilities Manager Nate Desrosiers, Acting Police Chief Todd Fitzgerald

Nate informed us that there are currently two active projects happening on the Town Green. First is the town funded remodeling of the green (including CPC funding). Currently the removal of seven trees is being discussed by the Selectmen. Some are sick while others are in the way of the plans. An equal number of trees will be planted. The second project is The Veteran's Memorial in front of the Police Station. They are about 90% funded. Both projects are due to start in the fall. Nate suggested one contractor vs two would help.

We then discussed speed limits – specifically outside RT. 128. Chief Fitzgerald discussed the results of the traffic grants around town especially on upper Pine St. and School St. and noted that people receiving three warning in a year would lose their license to operate. He agreed that 35 MPH would be fine on School St. between 128 and the Essex Line. Ben made a motion to that effect which was seconded by Gar and approved unanimously. Todd also agrees that 20 MPH is good in the downtown area. He mentioned the dangerous nature of some crosswalks especially the one in front of Seaside One.

Nate discussed the Complete Streets Grant Extension Application. Indications are positive that the state will close the current grant and issue another. Ben asked for the estimates of the work necessary as he did at our last meeting. Chris and Gar were interested in the “before and after” parking numbers especially near the Union / Beach intersection. Nate spoke to the test street lights in the downtown. Light fixtures and controller will be updated shortly. All lights will be wifi with the hub on the back of town hall.

Regarding repairs to the Central Street Culvert Nate noted that the project has become very complicated. Issues such as guard rails, utility interruption, land taking and street closures for lengthy time periods make the project extremely expensive and in jeopardy. We discussed the striping of School St. which varies in width from 23'-35' and needs careful lining for shared travel lanes and parking areas.

Gar made a motion that DIP member Andy Harris be given the title Chairman Emeritus. The motion was seconded by Chris and approved unanimously.

The minutes from the DIP meeting on 5/13/19 were approved

The next meeting will be held on Monday, July 28th at 8:30 AM

Meeting adjourned 7:08 PM

Respectfully submitted
Chris Shea

