

Meeting Minutes for 12/10/19

In attendance:

Henry, Nate, Erin R., Erin S., Mindy, Laura, Ann B., Kristen

Police Representative: Detective Whitley
Dornitz

Visitor: Alon

Tiger Anastasi did not appear even after we requested

Police Update:

- Town forwarding letter about River Road crashes. The continue to increase and the police are hoping for a 2020 grant to deal with the issue (over last 5 years there have been 240 total crashes in that area)
 - Thruway exit is also problematic near River Road.
 - Hoping for a stop light in the vicinity
- Currently police are monitoring Krumkill Road for speed
- 3 Recent Car/Bike accidents (although since the meeting there was an additional pedestrian/car accident)
 - Winne and Wisconsin- involving a young cyclist
 - Hudson and Delaware- pedestrian struck in crosswalk with minor injuries
 - Kenwood and Adams-car stopped for crosswalk and was rear ended

-Looking forward towards Walk and Roll, it seems there may be opportunities to get a CDTC grant for Pedestrian Safety pamphlet, blinking lights, and maybe vests

Brief discussion of Stop for Me campaign in St. Paul, MN. Ann brought the information to the table regarding this program and we discussed its feasibility here. Please see Ann's email she sent for more information

Public Comment:

Alon Dornitz is concerned about the speed on Font Grove specifically in the stretch between the Bike Trail to New Scotland Rd. Shoulder in the area is minimal and there is no sidewalk. It is becoming heavily trafficked because of the Rail Trail.

- We discussed the deep drainage in that area and challenges facing pedestrians
- Police will likely do a survey of speed. Alon mentioned they did have a speed truck there for a day, but had not heard the results of this. Mike Whitley will check to see the results
- We discussed that Font Grove would benefit from sidewalks if possible

Planning Department Update:

-List of projects for sidewalks—> Nate will follow up

-New Planning Dept. Projects:

- VanDyke Spinney will be very pedestrian friendly up potentially to Meads Lane
- 44 Lot Subdivision on Elm and Elm across from Town Park issues with connectivity may become a pedestrian only connection. Town wants a sidewalk to the Town Park
- 65 Kerwood—>Subdivision for 57 single family homes (Klienke Farm). Hoping to extend the sidewalk along Kenwood Ave
- New Subdivisions Hamdon woods and Kimmy Point held up by drainage issues; looking to keep Kimmy Drive in place as a thorough fare for Bike/Ped Network
- Sidewalk Projects
 - Kenaware evaluated and scores really well because of its location
 - Look at maintenance into how we invest into new sidewalks
 - Are there any more high traffic roads in Old Delmar that could benefit from a sidewalk?

- Need to focus on places that haven't had sidewalks
- Mason Rd. Might be necessary
- Sidewalk clearing is another issue that needs to be discussed
- Report to Town Board-hoping to be done by February
 - template of PowerPoint for Town Board was discussed
 - Nate showed off a draft of the Memo
 - Nate could use volunteers to help him finish it up (Erin S. And Kristen volunteered to help!)
- Make sure you review the draft Nate had sent and get him comments

Subcommittee Items:

Priority Network Updates-

- How are streets identified—>what are people using and if they are used frequently, would that make them a good candidate for sidewalks?
- Strava Heat Mapping may become a tool we could use to analyze this. It could also be included in our social media push
- We need a better network and better ways to evaluate criteria

Outreach and Education Updates-

- Not much traction—please like and share page content!
- Education towards snowplows could be helpful
- Walker/Runner profiles may be coming soon!

Work Plan-

- Drat to be finalized for Bike and Ped Master Plan
- Master plan would be a recommendation

Comp Plan Update Committee-

- Ann B. Is our member on the committee!
- 15/16 people on the committee with a lot of different perspectives
- They meet the 3rd Wednesday of the month, next one is 1/15.
- We need to try to advocate for our selves
- Can we identify different hamlets and their benefits to the community?

Upcoming:

- Walk and Roll Fest
- Grant Opportunities
- Crosswalk Campaign
- Sidewalk Clearing and Plowing Issues