

Attendees:

Donna Hayford
Brian Ross
David McCarthy
Scott Hastings
Guest: Dean Lessard

Topics Discussed:

- 1) Minutes of the March 23rd meeting were approved. Dave will provide a copy of the minutes for posting on the Town Web site.
- 2) Dean Lessard from the York Department of Public Works attended the meeting and provided an update of FY-17 projects, insights into revisions to funding or road improvements, additional details on the Village and bathhouse projects, and clarifications on elements in the FY 17-21 capital plan.

Some key points from the discussions:

- a) Old Post Road will be one of the major projects for next year. Expected 28 foot width with 10 foot travel lanes and 4 foot shoulders.
- b) The drainage work on Long Sands Road is beginning. There will be traffic disruption in the early stages but will be fully open for tourist season.
- c) The bathhouse project, which has been on hold pending real estate issue resolution, is expected to proceed. Agreements have been reached and final sign-offs are expected shortly.
- d) The Long Sands/bathhouse/drainage projects will include major upgrades to sidewalks (8 Feet wide) along the beach and improved protection from storms and rising sea levels.
- e) The installation of signs for the "3 foot law" on major roads entering York was briefly addressed. This will continue to be pursued.
- f) The budget referendum will include \$400,000 for improvements to the Village area. This funding will be leveraged to obtain state/federal funding of \$3.2 million. Much of this funding will be through KACTS. The project will be done in stages to match funding streams.
- g) The budget process has road maintenance and improvement has been changed. The budget will include both current year operations funding and bonded funding for major road projects. The Selectmen advocated for the approach to meet citizen demand for road improvements. The bonding approach matches the funding schedule to the useful life of the projects.
- h) Dean noted that whenever a road has an overlay of greater than one inch, the road must be brought up to current standards. This is important for both road sustainability and for addressing the needs of all road users.
- i) The FY-18 Capital Plan includes \$75,000 for a Nubble sidewalk study. The need for improvements in this area has been recognized and documented in the Town Comprehensive plan since at least the late 1990s. This is a major first step in improving safety for pedestrians in one of the Town's most heavily used areas.
- j) The Planning Board is reviewing establishing a Complete Streets policy. Complete Streets is the term used to emphasize that streets should be designed with all users' needs in mind – motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, and the disabled. While our Public Works Department has been working with a Complete Streets philosophy, including a formal policy will provide clarity and

support for the efforts. The Bike/Ped Committee supports establishing a Complete Streets in the Comprehensive Plan.

3) Public Forum:

The Cycling and Walking Community Forum is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th at the York Public Library from 10:00 to 12:00. **Note time change.**

The format of the Forum will include registration, a brief introduction on how the process works, and then a series of breakout areas for people to provide their views, experiences, and hopes for improving safety and accessibility for walkers and cyclists in York. Participants will be able to provide their thoughts in any or all of the topical breakout areas or other thoughts not covered.

The forum will be included in the Selectmen report. Methods and timing of promotion of the forum will be discussed at the next meeting.

4) Town of York Walking and Bicycling Survey:

The Selectmen will be provided a copy of the survey in advance of the April 11 Committee report. The survey will be launched following the Selectmen meeting and be held open through June 5th to include participants of the CRES bike rodeo. The survey will be posted on the home page of the Town website yorkmaine.org. Hard copies will be available at the York Library, the Town Clerk's Office, and the York Senior Center. Hard copies will also be available at the May 17 Town voting poll and at the May 7 Public Forum.

Brian will provide information on the survey to school officials to include in their weekly emails. Additional promotion of the survey will include the Committee Facebook page and the York Community dialog Facebook page. Survey promotion will also be considered in conjunction with the Public Forum.

5) Bike Rodeo: June 2nd planning is on-going.

6) The Committee voted to offer to install the bike rack provided by healthy Maine Partners at the Greater York Area Chamber of Commerce.

Action Items:

See actions under survey topic above.

Meet with Chamber to determine if the bike rack provided by Healthy Maine partners can be located there. (Dave)

Next Meeting: April 20, 2016 at 1:00 at the York Public Library

Guests: Holly Roberts and Stephanie Oeser – York Region Chamber of Commerce

Approve Minutes from April 6 meeting

Publicizing Public Forum and Survey

Preparations for Public Forum (Note: May 4th meeting will be dedicated to Forum)

Upcoming Calendar of Bike/Ped events:

April 11: Committee report to Selectmen's Meeting

April 11: Kick-off for Bike Survey

April 20: Meet with Chamber of Commerce representatives

May 7: Public Forum on cycling and pedestrian issues

May 14: York Community Dialog on Town Taxes (8:30 – 11:30)

May 18: Committee members participate in Chamber After-Hours Event

May 21: York Voting Day – Committee booth with survey and educational materials

June 2: Bike Rodeo at CRES – set-up at 4:00; Rodeo from 5:30 to 7:30

June 4: National Trails Day - Hiking with Families – Mt A – 1:00-2:00

July 19: Bike and Pedestrian Safety Education presentation to Library summer reading program