

**SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, October 10, 2019**  
**Ludlow Town Hall, Hearing Room #2**

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5:00 P.M. – CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members present: Brian Shameklis, Penny Lebel, Seth Falconer, Derek Smolinski, Ryan Churchill

Absent: Alex Simao, Barry Linton, Justin Larivee, Jeff Lavoie, Chris Coelho

Also present: Mike Suprenant, Director/Town Engineer – Dept. of Public Works

**VISITATION**

Mike Suprenant, Director/Town Engineer – Dept. of Public Works to discuss the Traffic Rules & Regulations

Mr. Suprenant stated that he would like to update the Traffic Rules & Regulations. He will have DPW staff do a sign inventory over the winter months to ensure that signs are where they are supposed to be. He stated that the Safety Committee will have to review this inventory and recommend that signs be placed if they are listed in the Regulations but are not in place. He stated that there have been many changes to signage regulations (size, etc.) and the Town is working to replace them as required.

**DISCUSSION:**

1. Intersection of Miller, Lyon & Center Street

Sgt. Shameklis stated that from September 2015 to September 27, 2019 there were 19 crashes with 50 injuries at this intersection indicating that there are multiple people in the vehicles; 10 of the crashes involved Miller Street; 6 were on Center Street and 3 involved Lyon Street. Mr. Churchill stated that there are no yellow flashing warning signs or "Intersection Ahead" signs on Center Street. Mr. Suprenant stated that to get traffic lights there you would need at least 600 cars per hour there. Mr. Smolinski made a motion, seconded by Mr. Churchill to recommend that a traffic study be performed at this intersection. Vote 5-0 all in favor.

2. East Street Corridor Survey

There have been approximately 250 responses to the survey. The Committee agreed to post it one more time and close it out on October 31, 2019.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- 19-74 Planning Board – Legal Notice – Site Plan – Fernando Jayma, 15 Hubbard Street for conversion from doctor's office to a two-family house – **COMMENTS NEEDED**  
Motion to comment no safety issues – Penny Lebel  
Second – Derek Smolinski  
Vote - 5-0 all in favor

- 19-75 Planning Board – Legal Notice – Site Plan – Colvest/Wilbraham, LLC, 450-456 Center Street to reduce the footprint of the existing concrete foundation and construct a new 1,500 sq. ft. bank building with associated parking and drive-up ATM lanes – **COMMENTS NEEDED**

The Committee has concerns about adding to the congestion of the center street entrance and exit on the new plan, they feel it will increase accidents and that the curb cuts need to be reevaluated.

Motion to submit comments and attend the Public Hearing – Ryan Churchill

Second – Derek Smolinski

Vote - 5-0 all in favor

- 19-76 Planning Board - Notice of Decision – Special Permit/Accessory Apartment for Russell Kelly/Liza-Anne C. Raymond, 21 Mineral Spring Avenue

Motion to file – Penny Lebel

Second – Derek Smolinski

Vote - 5-0 all in favor

- 19-77 Planning Board – Notice of Decision – Special Permit/Drive-Thru Establishment for Inspired by Opportunity LLC, 0 (484) & 488 Center Street

Motion to file – Penny Lebel

Second – Derek Smolinski

Vote - 5-0 all in favor

- 19-78 Planning Board – Notice of Decision – Special Permit/Accessory Apartment for Pablo & Dana Madera, 356 Ventura Street

Motion to file – Penny Lebel

Second – Derek Smolinski

Vote - 5-0 all in favor

- 19-79 Planning Board – Notice of Decision – Special Permit/Drive-Thru Establishment for Ludlow Center LLC (The Colvest Group), 471-485 Center Street

Motion to file – Penny Lebel

Second – Derek Smolinski

Vote - 5-0 all in favor

- 19-80 Planning Board – approval of the site plan for 0 (484) & 488 Center Street, Inspired by Opportunity LLC

Motion to file – Penny Lebel

Second – Derek Smolinski

Vote - 5-0 all in favor

- 19-81 Planning Board – approval of the site plan for 471-485 Center Street, Ludlow Center, LLC (The Colvest Group)

Motion to file – Penny Lebel

Second – Derek Smolinski

Vote - 5-0 all in favor

- 19-82 Planning Board - approval of Change of Occupancy/DBA Application – Viriathus Consulting, LLC, 40 Ravenwood Drive

Motion to file – Penny Lebel  
Second – Derek Smolinski  
Vote - 5-0 all in favor

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- 19-83 Board of Selectmen-Ellie Villano, Town Administrator – request to inspect two Town-owned properties  
Motion to file – Penny Lebel  
Second – Derek Smolinski  
Vote - 5-0 all in favor

- 19-84 Complaint sent to the Dept. of Public Works regarding the school zone light on Chapin Street; it is on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Mr. Suprenant stated that the light fixture needs a new controller and that the DPW is working on getting it repaired. Sgt. Shameklis stated that this light system is new, it was replaced after a car accident last year.

Sgt. Shameklis stated that he also notified Mr. Batista at the DPW that the walk/don't walk symbol at Chapin Street and Sportsmen's Road is indicating you can walk at the same time as the green signal is on. He is concerned that a child will be in the crosswalk and cars are signaled to go. Mr. Suprenant stated he would follow up with Mr. Batista.

Sgt. Shameklis stated that he has received many complaints about the school zone light on East Street coming south, you cannot see the lights and it is blocked by one of the decorative light poles. There was a speed measuring sign on East Street for twenty days and it indicated that there was 90,000 cars going through that area during that time period.

- 19-85 Board of Selectmen – requesting Sgt. Shameklis attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting on October 22, 2019 at 7:00 pm to discuss recent recommendations made to the Board of Selectmen

Sgt. Shameklis will attend the Board of Selectmen meeting.

Motion to include the original correspondence requesting the recommendation of the Committee with the Committee's recommendation going forward – Penny Lebel

Second – Derek Smolinski

Vote – 5-0 all in favor

- 19-86 Complaint – brush is overgrowing onto the road in the 1200 block of Lyons Street

Sgt. Smolinski stated that Moore Street and upper West Street near Brook Street needs to be addressed as well. Mr. Suprenant stated that several employees have left the Dept. of Public Works recently and currently there isn't anyone licensed to run the roadside mowing equipment. He stated that they are working to rectify that.

- 19-87 Correspondence and price quote from Tapco Safe Travels for traffic control equipment

Sgt. Shameklis stated that it would cost \$25,000 to replace all of the school zone light signals. Ms. Lebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Churchill to table this issue to a future meeting.  
Vote 5-0 all in favor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Committee approved and signed the minutes from September 12, 2019  
Motion to sign - Penny Lebel  
Second – Ryan Churchill  
Vote - 5-0 all in favor

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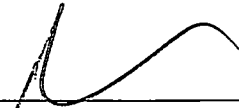
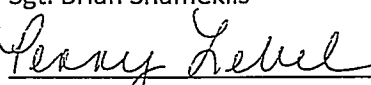
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Sgt. Shameklis stated that he received a request to add street lights to Old West Street. There was a recent incident on that street that has residents concerned for safety. He stated that there have only been three incidents on that street since 2015 and that this is not considered a high crime area. The Committee agreed that street lights are not warranted at this time. Ms. Lebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smolinski to submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen informing them of this request and recommendation. Vote 5-0 all in favor

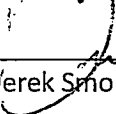
Mr. Churchill stated that the traffic on Puts Bridge needs to be addressed. The timing of the traffic lights on both sides of the bridge should be evaluated. During rush hour, the traffic there is very congested. He also stated that the intersection of Holyoke Street and West Street needs to be evaluated and that turning lanes need to be considered for the future. Traffic there is also very congested at times during the day and evening.

Ms. Lebel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Smolinski, to adjourn at 6:33 p.m. Vote 5-0 all in favor

  
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