

SAFETY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, November 14, 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-Chairman; Penny Lebel; Derek Smolinski; Ryan Churchill; Alex Simao; Barry Linton; Chris Coelho

Absent: Seth Falconer; Justin Larivee; Jeff Lavoie

DISCUSSION:

1. 369 Lyon Street – request to have a tree taken down

The Board discussed the safety implications of the location of the tree. The Police Dept. will further investigate this tree and Mr. Linton will bring it to the attention of the Board of Public Works as they are the Tree Warden for the town.

CORRESPONDENCE:

19-88 Email from the Board of Selectmen – Columbia Gas Moratorium Update
Motion to file – Penny Lebel
Second – Alex Simao
Vote - 7-0 all in favor

19-89 Planning Board – approval of site sketch for Ludlow Nutrition, 194 East Street
Motion to file – Penny Lebel
Second – Alex Simao
Vote - 7-0 all in favor

19-90 Planning Board – approval of the site plan for 15 Hubbard Street (house conversion from doctor's office to a two-family)
Motion to file – Penny Lebel
Second – Alex Simao
Vote - 7-0 all in favor

19-91 Planning Board – approval of the site plan for State Street & First Avenue, Ludlow Senior Center

The Committee discussed the fact that there aren't any security measures planned for this building. The Committee voted to send a letter to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board with their concerns.

Motion – Chris Coelho
Second – Penny Lebel
Vote - 7-0 all in favor

NEW BUSINESS:

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Ms. Lebel stated that the Charge & Charter for the Committee needs to be updated. The number of members needs to be changed from five (5) to eight (8) as Alternate Members have been added to the Committee. There Charter states that there is a sub-committee comprised of members, which needs to be looked at, possibly removed. It also states that the budget has a line item for cost incurred in signage by the DPW and other road safety supplies. That line item does not exist in the budget. The Charge & Charter will need to go to Town Meeting to change it.

Ms. Lebel stated that we should send a letter to the DPW asking when the crosswalk on East Street will be moved. Mr. Linton and Mr. Simao stated that the BPW discussed it and it will cost a lot of money so they will look into getting into the Chapter 90 program. The Board of Selectmen did approve moving this crosswalk.

Sgt. Shameklis stated that there is a program called Complete Streets from MassDOT which offers many different grants for roadwork and road safety projects. Mr. Simao stated they would look into it.

Ms. Lebel stated that she emailed a list of streets that need line painting to the DPW. Mr. Linton stated they never saw it. Mr. Lebel stated she would email it again.

Ms. Lebel stated that she received a complaint about speeding on Bondsville Road. The road was just paved so vehicles are going fast on the street. She suggested they report it to the Police Department.

Mr. Simao suggested that another stop sign be placed in the area of Fuller, Church and Rood Streets, coming down Fuller Street towards Church Street. Sgt. Shameklis stated that that has been discussed in the past and he feels that a rotary would probably be the best solution for that area. Rotaries have been modernized in recent years. There are already three stop signs in that area. A rotary would slow traffic in all directions.

Mr. Smolinski stated that he will get the results of the online East Street Corridor survey to the Commission.

Mr. Simao stated that he heard that the Town was given \$175,000 from MGM for the impact of the casino. He stated that we could use some of that money for roads and signage. The Committee voted to ask the Board of Selectmen where that money will be used.

Motion – Chris Coelho

Second – Penny Lebel

Vote - 7-0 all in favor

Mr. Simao stated that the Board of Public Works was given information about LED street lighting. Mr. Churchill stated that he will contact the Board of Selectmen to discuss.

Ms. Lebel stated that several of the decorative street lights on East Street are not working and Mr. Simao stated that several on the bridge are also not working. He stated that he spoke to Ken Batista about it. Sgt. Shamkelis stated he reported them to Eversource and was told that there was an underground wiring issue.

Mr. Churchill asked when the shrubbery in front of the Public Safety Complex would be removed. Sgt. Shameklis stated that it is the Police Department's responsibility to remove them.

Sgt. Shameklis stated that he researched a program suggested by the Director of the Department of Public Works at the last meeting for replacing the School Speed Limit and related school zone signage. It is a grant for \$6,000, he stated he would contact Todd Gazda, School Superintendent regarding this program as only School Officials can initiate it.

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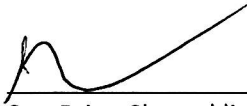
Sgt. Shameklis stated that he did some research about pedestrian injuries and fatalities. At 20 MPH, 18% have serious injuries or death; 30 MPH is 50%; and 40 MPH is 77%. Your cone of vision decreases the faster you drive.

The Committee discussed the Planning Board hearing on the new driveway configuration for the Starbucks Plaza on Center Street. Sgt. Shameklis stated that someone from Colvest contacted him regarding accident information for this area and it was sent to them. The hearing was continued to December 12th, some of the Board members may attend.

Sgt. Shameklis stated that electronic speed limit/data collection signs will be placed on Cislak Drive, Alden Street near Poole Street.

The Committee approved and signed the minutes from October 10, 2019 with four members present.
Motion to sign - Penny Lebel
Second – Derek Smolinski
Vote - 4-0 in favor with Mr. Linton, Mr. Simao and Mr. Coelho abstaining.

Mr. Churchill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Coelho, to adjourn at 5:51 p.m. Vote 7-0 all in favor



Sgt. Brian Shameklis



Penny Lebel


Seth Falconer

Ryan Churchill

Derek Smolinski



Barry Linton



Alex Simao



Chris Coelho