

Traffic Safety Committee
Minutes for March 18, 2025

Members present: J Beltis, L Cebula, L Hooper, Karen Marotta

Members absent A Goshgarian

Also present members of community

Meeting called to order at 10.01 am by Chair Cebula. Quorum present

Minutes not available for September 9 2024 meeting. hold til next meeting

Motion to accept minutes of 12/17/2024 with corrections made by Hooper second by Beltis.

Approved 03-0-01 Marotta abstaining

Announcements

Welcome to new member Karen Marotta.

Annual report submitted for 2024 Harwich Annual Report

Cebula noted that she was asked to do a PSA by Voter Information Committee
about TSC done Feb 2025

Old Business

4A Completion of the intersection of Miles/Pleasant/South. Kudos to Hooper for following this to completion. Noted that DPW did its part of the work in a few days, after it took 2 years to get the new pole and wires moved. Hooper noted that there will be some plantings and grass in the closed slipper lane. Once plantings are of enough size, the fencing will be removed,

4B Old Chatham Road/Route 39. Preliminary designs done, No need to move the pole or obtain any of the property from the resident. Very little disturbance to road surfaces. Moving along.

5 Correspondence

Intersection at Depot/Route 28. MassDOT has determined (recent survey based on DOT design guidelines) that this intersection does not meet the standards for a crosswalk, would need full signal light or at least a signal light to stop traffic for a pedestrian, both expensive and would need to be done by MA (state road).

Request to review traffic issues at Rte 28 and Ridgevale. Hooper will send this to MA DOT for a review.

6 New Business

- A) Update on sidewalks to Harbor: Project , about 11 years in the planning and discussion stages, is approximately 2.4million and covers 3300 linear feet of sidewalk; includes approximately 500 thousand to move poles to back of right of way. Since design does not meet complete street standards, Harwich received exceptions to need for sidewalks on both sides of street. While some residents have been surprised by some of the construction and moving of crosswalks, as projects develop, plans so need to change to accommodate design changes.
- B) Vision Zero for High incident roads in Harwich. Conference call with Cape Cod Commission attended by Beltis, Cebula and Hooper. Streets discussed excluded Route Hooper advised that some of the concerns were already being addressed by projects already in process.

- C) Hooper noted that some of Harwich projects have been moved to outer years and he was not made aware of this until attending a joint meeting with MassDOT. Appears to be response to ambiguities in federal funding. Projects impacted include Safe Routes to School, West Harwich to Herring River on route 28, and the Rail Trail project(moved to 2028).

7 Public Comments

Derek and Carole Karlowicz of Uncle Venies Road spoke to the intersection with Depot and Route 28. What can be done. Hooper said that he would send this on to MassDOT. They were advised to get a petition signed by neighbors to request dangerous intersection ahead signage and other requests to improve the safety for this intersection. Noted that having the neighborhood in agreement with requests can make an impact on actions.

Resident on Cross Street (between Miles and Pleasant section) has expressed concerns about parking and noise from people parking and going into HarwichPort, especially in the evenings. TSC will ask Goshgarian to contact the resident regarding signage.

Motion to adjourn made by Beltis, second by Hooper , unanimous
Meeting ended 11 am

Minutes by L Cebula