

## SAFEPATH MEETING

January 10, 2023

Town Hall

Attendees: Mary Ann Driscoll, Paul Legere, Jane Finn, Nancy Vailis, Pat Wilson, Pam Stearns, Guy Stearns, Nancy Borden, Dick Spaulding, Bill Stewart, Don Gough, Todd Baker, Chris Robillard, Jeff Hyland, Ironwood, Ben Clark CMA,

Mary Ann Driscoll called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM.

Nancy Borden made a motion to accept the December 13, 2022 Minutes. Dick Spaulding seconded the motion. Motion approved.

### **Report from Ironwood Pit to Causeway:**

Jeff Hyland of Ironwood Design Group gave a draft presentation slideshow featuring a *conceptual design* on the 3 segments of the Route 1B Corridor.

There are 3 portions:

- The Causeway to Cranfield
- Cranfield to Main Street
- Main Street to Pitt Lane

The proposed sidewalks are 5' wide with the exception of 3.5' in a small section. Jeff stressed all three segments are in the right way. The road is 22' wide which is common. Jeff also reported there is a high percent of Ash trees on 1B that have emerald Ash bore. The current plan is to replace some trees that need to be removed.

### **Segment 1.**

#### **The Causeway to Cranfield**

At the causeway conceptually the sidewalk will begin at the cemetery on the south side of Route 1B. There will be a crosswalk at the small island where the sign and boat now sit. The sidewalk will continue on the north side of 1B to Maude H. Trefethen School.

At the school there is an opportunity for learning. In order to avoid the outcropping of ledge by the road and the traffic of the driveways, the sidewalk will wind up around the front of the school and continue on the north side of the road to Pitt Lane. The current crosswalk at Pitt Lane will remain as is. There is also a crosswalk at Walton Road, that will remain as is with the addition of a stop sign to avoid rolling stops. Also a right angle will be created to further define the intersection. A sidewalk on the south side of Route 1B from Pitt Lane to Walton Road will be added to create additional safety for the students arriving at school.

### **Segment 2.**

#### **Cranfield to Walbach Street**

At Pitt Lane the sidewalk will be on the south side of the road. The house at the corner of Colonial Lane and Cranfield the sidewalk will be 3.5', which still meets ADA standards and extends the length of the property transitioning back to 5' at the next property line.

The movable planter at Cranfield is outside the scope of the project but Ironwood looks at all existing conditions. The suggestion is a mountable peninsula that emergency vehicles can drive over.

At the Historic Society a crosswalk is added at the entrance which gives prominence to the building. In this section of Main Street on the north side of the street homeowners have made improvements in the right of way. All kinds of elements have been built on the street 31' is used for parking, accent paving is

used so it appears to not to be part of the road. The pavement can be changed to pervious pavement and used as storm water management which will strike a balance.

Moving on to the Post Office, the sidewalk remains on the south side of the road, there is a bump out in front of the Post Office. There is brick paving in front of the house next to the post office, no big change is planned. A recommended bump out, which calms traffic, is proposed at the cemetery next to The Islander. A crosswalk is added that will align with the parking lot. Parking lines will be painted in this section of Main Street to create structure. At the Town Hall a green strip will be added with trees connecting it to the pocket garden.

Corner access for the fire department was brought up as a concern.

### **Segment 3.**

#### **Main Street to Pit Lane**

The sidewalk stays on the south side of the road. The crossover to get to Ocean was brought up as a concern. Jeff is going to look at a sidewalk on both sides of the road. The path continues down Pit Lane on the south side of the road.

That completed Jeff's presentation.

### **Commons Project**

#### **Rogers Blvd. to Beach Hill**

Ben Clark of CMA Civil & Environmental Engineering has taken the project and will follow it to completion. Rye Beach Landscaping will build the project. The committee reviewed the plans for the Commons for Ben's consideration.

The sidewalk will begin at Rogers Blvd. on the Southside of 1B and in front of the Recreation Center to Beach Hill. The fire hydrant on the corner of Beach Hill needs to be moved, one utility pole needs to be moved, 3 guide wires and the sign at the entrance to the Commons need to be moved.

Public Service owns the poles. Chris will talk to Eversource. The Library parking lot is due for repaving perhaps that could work together.

Todd Baker has gotten prices on the fence from Brentwood Fencing. Select Board approval is necessary to move forward on the fence. The two fence styles are priced out. Both are 6' tall, one aluminum \$17,000. The second black coated chain link \$13,000 the length needed for Wentworth Road is 250'. Discussion followed; Are we going to have a patchwork fence? Since we have \$50,000 can we replace the entire fence? Do we need a fence? There is opposition to removing the fence on 1B. We will attend the Select Board meeting On February 6, 2023. The police, DPW and neighbors need to be informed of the meeting. Jeff Hyland asked to look at the fencing being considered, some fences have benefits over others.

The \$50,000 Safe Path was given needs to be used this fiscal year. Bill Stewart explained, there is a mechanism to incur the funds to next year if the project is started.

Ben promised he would get the construction drawings to Mary Ann by late January so it can be passed on to the budget committee

### **Tap Grant**

#### **Beach Hill to Pitt Lane - Jeff Hyland**

The sidewalk will be 4' wide with a portion 3.5' wide. There is a crosswalk at Beach Hill. There was a question if the fog line was necessary and could the road be shifted to keep all of the crosswalk in the right of way. An additional comment was does the 2' shoulder have any benefit since bikers ride in the road. Jeff would have a revised plan in 10 days. A community meeting is required by a Tap Grant. Further

discussion suggests if Beach Hill which is 26' wide could be made narrower by 4' that would solve the crosswalk issue of requiring an easement and be able to move the fire hydrant. Beach Hill is a private road therefore the homeowners association would need to approve improvement of the intersection. The town would be asking for a utility easement, for the crosswalk and move the fire hydrant. Jane Finn will call Patty Cohen, president of the Beach Hill Home Owners Association.

Jane Finn made a motion to adjourn. Pat Wilson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Respectively submitted,

Pat Wilson

Next meeting February 9, 2023 9:00 Macomber Room