DEPT./BOARD: Sidewalk Study Committee

DATE: 6/10/2019

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall Annex Basement

Agenda:

1. Public Participation
2. First Reading of Sidewalk Committee Results Document
3. Prepare for Feedback Session
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Adjournment
In attendance: Steve Morin, Christine Warren, Millie Nash, Adam Senesi

The meeting began with a discussion of the “Safe Routes to School” program, a federally funded intra- and non-intra-structure grant to make commuting safer within a 2-mile radius of schools. The 6 E’s (Encouragement, Education, Enforcement/evaluation, Equity and Engineering) have provided funds as large as $250,000 to $1,000,000+ to Massachusetts partners (which we aren’t); one grant went to a Mudge Way, Bedford, project. Martha Simon, from the School Committee, joined our discussion and agreed to mention to Dr. Conti our hopes that Burlington would apply to become a partner. We recommended that the School Committee look at the Safe Routes to School program.

Moving the public forum to June 18th, we discussed what our presentation there should be. Steve is working on guidelines and recommendations—including:

- pedestrian safety (especially around schools, parks and commercial areas);
- the top priorities possibly Stonybrook, Blanchard (with the bike route) and Foxhill/Donald;
- Cambridge St. (a state road) we should address strongly via Rep. Ken Gordon;
- policy should continue re repairing existing sidewalks as streets are repaired;
- follow-ups with DOT re Cambridge St.;
- an annual allocation ($250 thousand per annum for a 10 year plan for sidewalk work);
- a permanent sidewalk committee (comprising all precincts plus relevant town boards);
- “Safe Streets...” and “Complete Streets” follow-through.

We agreed that all presentations on the 18th should be brief, allowing audience questions and comments sufficient time.

We’ll meet Monday, June 17, to finalize the June 18 forum (which Adam will arrange and send out place and time).

--submitted by Millie Nash