

PCAC Minutes of 10/12/17

Meeting called to order at 8:03pm. Attendees included Andrea Benson (arrived 8:11pm), Melissa Gahr, Pamela Hollasch (left at 9:18pm), Bettina Kersten, William McCarthy

1. Minutes from 09/29/17 meeting approved with edits (Moted by AMB, seconded by MG and approved 4-0-1).
2. On a motion by PH and seconded by WM the committee unanimously adopted a regular meeting time of 6:30pm on the 2nd Tuesday and 8:30am on the 4th Friday each month.
3. Bettina provided an update on the Safe Routes to School project. She and Jen A. (alternate) met with Scott Bogle (from Rockingham Planning Commission). The SRS program provides \$5,000 for start-up grants (education/outreach in school community), \$15,000 for travel plans (within 2 miles, determines where students are coming from and maps out recommended pedestrian/cycling travel routes). The funds for infrastructure have been fully dispersed at this time. Scott Bogle will help draft the grant, 10/23/17 it is recommended that one of the committee and Scott present info on the SRS program to the Board of Selectmen. Looking to John Corrigan to recommend how & which components of this program would be most appropriate for Stratham. He offered to give a presentation on 10/27/17. We discussed looking into CMS also making a SRS grant application—
 - a. Motion by BK seconded by MG and unanimously voted to accept including the Cooperative Middle School in the task force/workshop date and then to see if they want to apply once they have learned more (especially a start-up grant to support CMS doing outreach/education)
 - b. Inviting Sue Garneau, teacher & Coop Board member Travis Thompson to attend 10/27/17 workshop. Will also ask a BOS member to be present for continued info sharing. Have spoken with Tom Fosher, principal at SMS, who is supportive of the initiative but recognizes the tight timeline. He needs details before end of Oct. to bring to SMS school board. If his schedule is too full, he will send a substitute to the 10/27 meeting. Also, BK will reach out to Colin Laverty in the highway dept. & Paul Deschaine, Town Administrator to be present as well.
4. Discussed additional suggested committee tasks:
 - a. On a motion by WM, seconded by AMB and unanimously adopted, the group decided to add a task of delving deeply into the maps and easement rights currently in existence for the 2-3mile radius around SMS/Stratham Hill Park & Gordon Barker Town Forest to create a list of overall potential projects which improve biking & walking in Stratham for prioritization at a later meeting date.
 - b. Discussed committee publicity and decided it is important for this group to spread the word about biking/walking and to get more citizens involved in making these improvements. PH volunteered to write an article for the Stratham Magazine. More info regarding our group & its projects should be put on the website/facebook page. Also discussed creating flyers and sending/posting them

around town, especially to reach citizens which might not utilize internet resources.

- c. Determined each meeting's agenda should include a planning board update (in particular, to inform the Committee of any new subdivision applications)
5. There being a shortage of time the remainder of the agenda items were tabled until the next meeting scheduled for 8:30am on 10/27/17. On a motion by AMB, seconded by MG and unanimously approved the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.