

TOWN OF STOW
Lower Village Sub-Committee

Minutes of the October 31, 2007, Lower Village Sub-Committee Meeting.

Present: Committee Members: Don McPherson, Bruce Fletcher, Russ Willis and
Karen Kelleher
Associate Member: Phil Moseley
Planning Board: Ernie Dodd
Supt. of Streets: Mike Clayton
Police Dept.: Sergeant Lima

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on the Lower Village Common.

Members reviewed the four locations for the temporary pedestrian refuge islands. Don McPherson explained that they will also serve as traffic calming devices.

Pedestrian Refuge Island

Superintendent of Streets Mike Clayton and Police Chief Trefry attended the meeting to voice concern about the proposed plan for a temporary refuge island.

Don McPherson said he is embarrassed that the Committee did not consult with the Police Department on its plans for the pedestrian refuge islands.

Resident Jim Gray voiced support for the pedestrian island.

Sergeant Lima questioned if there is enough room in the right of way. Mike Clayton responded yes, but the pavement markings will need to be changed. The pedestrian refuge islands will be approximately 6' wide and 20' long.

Sergeant Lima voiced concern that the use of jersey barriers would be unsafe. He also noted the need for signage and lighting.

Ernie Dodd shared information on temporary (plastic) curbing that he obtained off the internet. Bruce Fletcher said we initially talked about plastic or rubber bumpers. All agreed that the curbing/bumpers with some barrels would be better and safer than jersey barriers. They could also be reused by the Highway Dept. and Police Dept. Mike Clayton said that he has purchased the barrels and signage. Sergeant Lima suggested contacting Mass. Department of Public Works to see if we can borrow a message board to warn drivers of the change in traffic pattern. Mike Clayton said the pavement markings should be done soon before the weather gets too cold. Mike Clayton said he thinks there are enough funds in the Highway Department budget to purchase the temporary curbing and expects he could have them within a week.

Reclaim Public Land in front of Shoemaker Property

Members viewed the Town Land in front of the Shoemakers to determine the best location for a pathway from Pompositticut Street to Red Acre Road. The Sub-Committee previously discussed two pathways, one from Pompositticut Street along the drive/road in front of the Shoemaker Property to Red Acre Road and the other from Route 117, across Pompositticut Street, across the Shoemaker Property, to Red Acre Road. Bruce Fletcher feels that the walk way from Route 117 would be unsafe and suggested bringing it down Pompositticut Street and

then crossing Pompositicut Street at the cemetery entrance to meet up with the pathway coming from Pompositicut Street. Members agreed.

Don will finalize a sketch plan to be sent with a memo to the Board of Selectmen.

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Kelleher
Member