

Pedestrian Infrastructure Advisory Committee to the Darien, Connecticut, Board of Selectmen

Draft Minutes

Date: September 22, 2015

Place: Darien Town Hall, Room 119-B

Present: Terry Duffy, Joanna Garrett, Susanne Handler, Beth Harmon, Ted Hawkins, Jennifer Morgan, Pat Morrissey, and Holly Schulz-Amatruda.

Absent: Bert von Stuelpnagel

Guest: James (Mac) Patrick, Chair RTM Public Health & Safety Committee

This was a regular meeting of the Pedestrian Infrastructure Advisory Committee (PIAC).

Chair Beth Harmon called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm. The minutes from the meeting of September 8th were approved as drafted.

Beth and Joanna presented their "hotspot", Darien High School (DHS), findings using the map and walking major streets within ½ mile, mile and two mile radius from DHS. Conclusions include: the town's infrastructure is crumbling. Sidewalks are too old, too narrow and broken down. They found 16 sidewalks in need of repair and 14 locations where crosswalks should be installed. They only saw a couple of places where the town may need a new sidewalk. A number of specific locations where improvements are required were presented and discussed. They took photos on their walk to illustrate. A list of these items will be part of their final report with associated markings made to the map.

We further discussed the format for the "hotspot" reports and the means of recording all of the detailed information collected in our walks.

Outreach

- Bert has prepared a draft letter to editor which the Chair will circulate to members for comment before sending it to the papers.
- Questions prepared for Holly's on-line survey for SurveyMonkey have been circulated by email and she is looking for comments before we go live.
- It was proposed that the committee should be soliciting input from the principals of individual schools on what pedestrian and bicycle issues they may see affecting their schools. The following members agreed to contact the principals:

School	Contact
Darien High School	Beth & Joanna
Middlesex Middle School	Pat
Royle	Joanna
Tokeneke	Beth
Hindley	Pat
Holmes	Terry
Ox Ridge	Holly

The meeting adjourned at 8:45

Respectfully submitted by Ted Hawkins, Clerk