

## RTM Public Works Meeting 12/15/14

The meeting began at 8:09 with 7 members out of 11 present which included Frank Adelman Mark Adiletta, Patti Bumgardner, Jennifer Hite, Katie Keith Jeff Marston and Thomas Moore.

Absent were James Cameron, Richard Poli, Allison Stolar and David Young.

Follow up on review and approval of the minutes from last month in our next meeting.

### Organization of Sub-Committees or Focus Areas:

Mark reviewed the responsibility of each and members who were present chose a sub-committee or focus area to work on.

Sewer- Mark Adiletta

Budget – Tom Moore

Recycling Center - Allison Stolar

Flooding – Patti Bumgardner, Jeff Marston

Pedestrian Infrastructure – Frank Adelman, Jennifer Hite, Katie Keith

### Pedestrian Infrastructure

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014 the PWC formed a sub-committee to focus on infrastructure related to pedestrian safety issues. After much research, the sub-committee recommended, via a draft resolution, the Board of Selectman create a committee by 3/31/15 to proactively work on pedestrian infrastructure and safety issues in conjunction with the Public Works Department, Board of Education, Board of Finance and Police Department. Mark sent First Selperson Jayme Stevenson and email requesting feedback last month and to be placed on the agenda of a future Board of Selectman meeting. Jayme responded with several suggestions. Mark had since received comments directly or indirectly from the Moderator, Town Council, members of the RTM and the PWC. The Chair will reach out to Planning and Zoning Director Jerry Ginsberg and has reached out to Ed Gentile, the new Director of Public Works to let him know about the proposal for a new advisory committee. Mark also invited the PW Director to attend our January meeting to give us an annual overview of Public Work Department and to set up tours of the facilities as done in the past.

The committee, if created by the BoS, would have a mandate to study and recommend various DPW related infrastructure items such as connecting critical points in town which include school, railway, sidewalks, jogging paths, etc. It would also discuss improving current infrastructure such as the crumbling stairs at the train station. Members noted the improved signage at crosswalks at Holmes school and DHS. The request to have the committee formed by 3/31/15 is so the recommendations could be considered for the budget cycle in 2016. The committee feels like this is too important to leave it strictly to the Town Plan of Conservation every ten years. The PWC feels the climate in town is ready for an overall and chose to start with going through the Board of Selectman first. Mark will also reach out to Mac Patrick, Chair of the Public Safety Committee of the RTM and get on the agenda for their next meeting, present the proposal, to keep them informed and get their feedback. The sub-committee found that towns on our immediate perimeter have already organized similar pedestrian issues committees including the Westport Advisory Committee.

**Need updated resolution and edits specifics approved attached here**

A motion was made to accept the resolution edits and it was unanimously passed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Patti Bumgardner 12/22/14