

Newburyport Livable Streets Meeting
Newburyport Public Library Program Room
Newburyport, MA
7 PM to 8:45 PM
11/7/2018

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Kitty Krajci, Kathy Seekamp, Conrad Willeman, Rick Taintor, Sheila Taintor, Juliet Walker, Geordie Vining, Neil Wilson

Welcome / Introductions

Complete Streets Program

Discussion with Geordie Vining, Sr. Project Manager, City of Newburyport Planning and Development Department

Geordie introduced himself and updated the group on the status of the Complete Streets Program in Newburyport. The City has adopted a Complete Streets Policy and has received funding from the MassDOT Complete Streets Program for technical assistance to develop a prioritization plan. The contract with the consultant is being finalized and the prioritization planning will begin shortly. The City is interested in NLS input to the planning process. The prioritization plan should identify at least 15 potential projects.

Once the prioritization plan is complete, the City is eligible to apply for funding for infrastructure projects on the list. The next round of applications are due in the spring and there will be another round in the fall. There is no limit as to the number of applications the City can submit, but the maximum funding for individual projects in each funding round is \$400K. Projects have to be “shovel ready”, meaning they would already need to be designed.

Working Meeting on Complete Streets Projects/Prioritization

Juliet W presented a compiled list of project ideas developed by NLS members over the last year and also a map identifying these locations. The group spent time reviewing and discussing the projects on the list, adding additional projects or more details to the ones already identified, and considering prioritization criteria for selecting projects to be funded through the Complete Streets Program. The group also identified proximity to residential neighborhoods, commercial / shopping areas, recreation areas, and institutions. The prioritization criteria will be reviewed and discussed at the next meeting so that we can begin assigning priorities to individual projects.



Draft Criteria:

- Safety
- Accessibility Improvements (Americans with Disabilities Act compliance)
- Pedestrian Mobility
- Bicycle Mobility
- Transit Operations and Access
- Vehicular Operations
- Public Support
- "Shovel-Readiness"
- "Spread the wealth" -- supports providing projects equally throughout the community not just in a concentrated area
- Environmental impact
- Jurisdiction / ownership
- Other funding opportunities
- Provides a critical connection in the transportation network
- Links to primary destinations
- Size of population affected
- Social equity

Project Updates

Rick T provided a list of projects and initiatives that NLS is involved with. This list will be updated for every meeting and includes a list of who the NLS contact person(s) is(are) and the status, impending deadlines, and next steps. There was a brief discussion about the film

series, more information will be shared at the next meeting. Project list is attached to these minutes.

Next Steps / Action Items

Next meeting is December 4th. Betsy Goodrich, from Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, will be doing a presentation on the Regional Transportation Plan.

The schedule of meetings through June of 2019 is below:

December 4

January 8

February 5

March 5

April 2

May 7

June 4

Newburyport Livable Streets – Project Status

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Project	NLS coordinator	Status, deadlines, next steps
CITY PROJECTS OR COLLABORATIONS		
High Street Safe Routes to School project	Juliet, Judy, Rick	City Council: 11/13/18 (Tuesday) – refer to Comm. Budget & Finance Committee: TBD City Council (action): TBD
Complete Streets Funding Program	Judy, Juliet, Rick	Prioritization Plan by _____
Hale Street Task Force	Alex, Gary, Sheila?	
State St / Route 1 Traffic Circle / Rail Trail Phase 3	Rick, ?	
Merrimac St Safety Initiative	Christine	
Traffic Safety Advisory Committee	Christine, Judy	Next Meeting
Waterfront West	Rick	
Bike Racks – Library and Beyond	Rick, ?	People for Bikes LOI due: 1/18/19 (opens 12/10/18) CIP schedule: –?–
NLS PROJECTS		
Film series	Rick, Sheila, Conrad, Elizabeth	To be completed by 6/30/19 (grant)
Tactical Urbanism project		To be completed by 6/30/19 (grant)
Open Streets	Juliet, Judy	To be completed by 6/30/19 (grant)

Community Cycling and Walking Events		
2019 Bike Rodeo		Start planning: March NLS meeting Contact partners: Early April Mail calendar items: Early April Event date: Sat., May 4? Or May 11?