

**Newburyport Livable Streets
Meet-Up / Discussion
April 2, 2019 – 6:00 to 7:30 pm
Newburyport Public Library – Children’s Activity Room**

Attendees: Juliet Walker, Rick Taintor, Sheila Taintor, Kitty Krajci, Karen Holt, Alden Clark, Conrad Willeman, Bill Lawton, Steven Lawton

1. Traffic Safety Advisory Committee

- Need formal representation monthly at this Committee mtg
 - - Juliet taking action to talk to Mayor
- Rick Taintor attended the 3/21 TSAC meeting and took the following notes:
 - State St at Parker St
 - Concern is for cars trying to turn left from Parker St onto State St. Sight lines are blocked by cars in the Enterprise lot, which encroach over the property line into public way.
 - Three parts to the problem:
 - (1) No definition of the lot boundary and right of way;
 - (2) Pavement allows for wide radius turning — traffic moves too fast;
 - (3) Island with stop sign is set too far back from the intersection, so drivers inch forward and feel like they’re in the intersection when in fact they’re still on Parker St.
 - Committee agreed on a low-cost, short-term fix: move the existing island with stop sign on Parker Street about 2 car lengths forward (possibly also lengthening the island?).
 - Will also look into adding curbing to tighten the turning radius.
- Route 1 Traffic Circle
- MassDOT recently delivered draft concept plans for Rte 1 circle. (By Howard/Stein-Hudson)
- Short-term concept - \$1.7 million - mostly paint. City doesn’t support.
- Long-term: modern roundabout or T intersection. \$4 million.
- MassDOT plans don’t do much to accommodate the connection between the rail trails.
- Rte 1 resurfacing project is scheduled for FY2021 -- Salisbury to Newbury? Concern about spending this money without improving (e.g., reducing lanes, adding bike/ped infrastructure, addressing safety issues).
- Garage traffic impacts:
- Committee decided to make Pleasant St. 2-way between Green and Titcomb, and make Green St. 2-way from Pleasant to High. This will involve removing the 4 (?) parking spaces immediately in front of City Hall and moving the HC space forward. This requires a vote by City Council. The objective to have this done by Memorial Day. Follow-up at next TSAC meeting.
- Safe Routes to Schools grant application for Johnson St
- Not approved this funding round, encouraged to apply in a future round.
- High St Safe Routes to School
- Still aiming for July advertising date for construction to start next year

2. Walk/Bike to School week planning

- May 1-8 Kate and Alex Dardinsk are leading this effort

- Andrea Egmont at Newburyport Youth Services - healthy active living initiative, interested in helping out with the even and also promoting walking and biking year round

3. Discussion about Street Repair

- Where does public info get channeled for capital planning?
- Can DPW come to one mtg just to inform the group where these plans are posted
- Juliet suggested starting a Google spreadsheet, similar to what we did for the snow clearing that reports specifically on locations in NBPT needing street and sidewalk repair
- Karen's Cutters Court pictures and explanation submitted to NLS, Juliet suggested Karen email it to Heather Shand (Ward Councilor)

4. Complete Streets Prioritization Plan

- no change on what the city has posted,
- How can NLS influence prioritization once grant is applied for?

5. Hale Street Task Force

- Sheila will ask the Mayor for status

6. Bike Racks - Library and Beyond

- Need to research funding
- Rick to talk to Geordie on how to get this into capital plan

7. Film series - June 18th at Firehouse

8. Open Streets

- Event is June 23rd, 1 to 4pm
- Next meeting 4/12 at 2:00 Chococoa Baking Company

9. Green Expo April 11 - NLS table, Juliet and Rick will be there, others welcome to stop by to help

Next mtg, May 7 at 7:00pm