

Town of Newington, NH
Safety Lane Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 26th, 2021 Remote Via Zoom

Attending Meeting by Phone: Safety Lane Committee Members; Laura Stone, William Wright, Derick Willson, Bruce Johnson, Ken Ernstoff, Katie Hood and Selectman Mike Marconi. Also in attendance: Selectman Ken Latchaw, Consultant Jerry Coogan, Resident Chris Cross and Martha Roy, Town Administrator.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.

Due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04, this Committee is authorized to meet electronically.

K. Latchaw reviewed the time line of the TAP grant.

J. Coogan reviewed potential ideas for letters of support if we are invited to submit an application:

Seacoast Region Bike Association
Pease Development Authority
Newington Planning Board
Conservation Commission
Regional Groups
Rockingham Planning Commission

The TAP application group wants to see strong regional and local support.

M. Marconi stated that there is a lot of support for this project.

J. Coogan also thought that we could get a lot of individuals who walk or bike along Nimble Hill Road to write letters of support.

J. Coogan stated that the State is looking for geographical distribution of funds, not all Seacoast projects.

K. Ernstoff asked about the encumbrance process for the funds. M. Marconi said that it had already been encumbered.

K. Ernstoff thought that there should be an article in the next newsletter about the Safety Lane. The Committee was unanimous in favor of an article for the newsletter.

B. Wright thought the article should reinforce the Safety Lane survey results. Committee members stated that there may be residents at the Town Meeting that will speak against the Safety Lane.

Another petition with more signatures may be a good idea.

M. Marconi mentioned that the Town Meeting will probably be at the Town Hall, but Jack O'Reilly and T. Connors are still discussing this idea.

B. Johnson asked if this project will be in conjunction with the paving of Nimble Hill Road. M. Marconi said that the town is still negotiating with Eversource about the road damage done during the Seacoast Reliability Project, but we expect the paving to be done on Nimble Hill Road in conjunction with the project.

B. Johnson thought that we should add to the article in the newsletter about the paving.

It is understood that if the funds for the project are not used/if the grant is not acquired, then the money will be put back into the general fund.

C. Cross commented that it is good to have a drawing of the project but more than the current plans are needed because there are still slope issues and drainage issues that might cause problems, but if they are addressed early on, all the better.

D. Willson asked C. Cross to put together a list of concerns about the slope and drainage issues and give it to him. C. Cross said that general information can be given.

Adjournment: B. Wright moved to adjourn. K. Latchaw seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha S. Roy
Town Administrator