

Complete Streets Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: 6pm, Wednesday, 4/25/2018

Location: Auburn Hall

Committee Members Present: Craig Saddlemire, Chair (Lewiston), Jeremiah Bartlett, Vice Chair (Auburn), Dana Staples (Auburn), Chrissy Adamowicz, Secretary (Lewiston), Bob Rand (Lewiston), Larry Pelletier, Jim Lysen (Lewiston)

Staff Present: Kris Bennett, Ryan Barnes

Guests: Paul Jacques

Minutes

- 1) Introductions and Updates
 - a. Craig- There was an Earth Day clean up event at Sherwood Conservation Area, facilitated by the Androscoggin Land Trust. It was reported that a woman was assaulted in Sherwood Conservation Area on Monday, April 23, 2018.
 - b. Jim Lysen- There is a group that is starting to discuss aging communities and how LA can be mindful of demographic shifts and plan ahead.
 - c. Larry-Spoke with City Council on Monday, April 23, 2018 about pet waste. A flyer was made to educate residents about the City's pet waste ordinance. The flyer will be handed out to residents and posted on the City's website.
 - d. Jeremiah-Took a trip to the Mid-Atlantic (MD, VA and DC) and saw good bicycling infrastructure including parking protected bike lanes. Portland will be having a public meeting to discuss changes being made to Park Avenue.
 - e. Kris-Brought the Complete Streets Committee's comments regarding the Mill Street area improvements to his Department and the consultant involved. He will provide updates as they emerge. Auburn Public Works is seeking funding to repair the sidewalks along Lake Auburn Avenue. Updates will be provided as they emerge.
 - f. Dana- Asked for explanation of circumstances that APW applies when saving or removing trees for road work, in particular as they apply to Seventh Street. Kris explained that some sections of roadwork will damage tree roots so severely that the tree will not survive if left. When this is expected, the City removes the trees completely and then replaces them after the work is completed.
- 2) **MOTION** to accept the minutes by Larry, Jeremiah seconds. Motion passed (7-0).
- 3) Chestnut/Mill Pedestrian Enhancement (Lewiston)- This intersection receives high pedestrian traffic when area business offices end the work day. As a result, there have been conflicts between motorists and pedestrians. Lewiston will be adding flashing pedestrian signs, high visibility crosswalks, and ADA compliant bulb-outs in order to improve visibility and reduce confusion at the intersection. Work is expected to begin in the summer of 2018.
- 4) Coe St. Development (Auburn)- A suburban style housing development is planned for the land between Turner St, Newell Ave, Coburn St, and Broadview Ave. As a result, there will be the construction of a paper street, Coe Street. This street will be constructed by the developer and

then signed over to the City after construction to be made a public road. Coe Street will be subject to City specifications (24' wide with 5' wide sidewalks, however sidewalks can be waived by the City Engineer). Auburn's Planning Board has approved the development. The Committee discussed the benefits and barriers to connecting this new street to nearby streets, as an alternative to creating a dead end street. The Committee requested that Auburn explore options for connectivity, including if connections are only possible for non-motorized transportation users.

- 5) **MOTION** to adjourn by Jeremiah, second by Jim. Motion passed (7-0).