

## Route 139 Action Committee Meeting Notes for June 15, 2023

Meeting called to order at 4:00PM

Attendees:

David Sawin Chair

Rob Stevens Vice chair (on Zoom)

Viola Ryerson Secretary

Kurt Kelly DPW

Jonathan Pelletier

Wayne Richards HPD

David Setter land

Meeting notes of April 27, 2023, accepted.

Agenda items Discussed with following highlights:

\* The committee recognized Craig Ingram for his contributions and regretfully accepted his resignation due to his time constraints.

\*Designated August 24, 2023, if required for next committee meeting if required. At this time (7/24), discussion has been moved to our next meeting on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM. General committee discussion re: Grove Street traffic flow, updates on the Main Street project.

\*September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, meeting planned to decide the final restrictions on traffic direction at the Grove Street and Route 139 intersection

\* An overview of the May 18, 2023, remote kick off meeting with five Tigh and Bond Engineering representatives, Rob Stevens Vice Chair, Kurt Kelly DPW, Selectwoman Rhonda Nyman, Senator Keenan, and MA Department of Transportation representatives. Initial kickoff comments were provided by Rob Stevens. Not all the Rte. 139 Committee Comments were addressed. Noted was DOT's upcoming requests for further crash data, traffic count, utility data, Article 37 Conservation data specifically as it relates to Briggs Ballfield, and permitting requirements in the town's historic district, along with relative insights. It was further reported that the state will be using a prior 2020 Route 139 study to supply important information and calculations. Tigh and Bond and MA DOT recognized future public input as being an integral part of planning as the Route 139 project moves forward from this initial 25% design. Noted: Aidee Cira is the DOT Project Manager, while is Greg Lucas Tigh and Bond Project Manager. The current schedule for this project may include one or more workshops between Tigh and Bond and the Rte. 139 Action Committee for the end of August, early September timeframe. David Sawin will invite both PM's to the September 21st Committee Meeting.

\*Kurt Kelly reported on significant design and implementation progress at the west end of Route 139 and “Rails for Trails” with a projected completion date of October 2023.

\* Sgt Dereck Richards reported one accident in April due to driver error in crossing 139 from Grove Street and shared his positive assessment of re-route plan to maintain one way design based on no additional accident data at this time.

\* Rob Stevens introduced the possibility of exploring uses of town owned land on Route 139, specifically including B Everett Hall Field. Viola Ryerson respectfully reminded the committee that its charge is to advise the Selectboard regarding traffic impacts and road design only. David Sawin opened a discussion regarding possible committee involvement in the Master Plan. Committee purpose was further discussed. Viola Ryerson was nominated and voted as committee representative to the Hanover Master Plan Committee to facilitate any communications regarding roadway planning and design progress. There was one “Nay” vote by Rob Stevens included in these notes at his request.

\*The next Route 139 Action Committee meetings were approved for September 21st, 2023, at 4 PM.

\*The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM