

Bristol BPAC Meeting Minutes

2022-10-27

I. Call to Order: 7:05 P.M. via Zoom. Meeting was recorded.

<https://tinyurl.com/4hmp4rmw>

In Attendance:

Christian DaBica

Ian Albinson

Jim Quaglino

Tanya Bashaw

I. Public Forum

Cris has reached out to more folks to add to the committee. Ian apprised us that the Selectboard chooses committee member. New members need to fill in a form, submit to the town, come before the board, Selectboard makes a motion for approval.

II. Infrastructure Grant

Local Motion has reached out to some regarding this grant application

Due date: November 10, 2022

Seem to be ideal for Bristol's goal for traffic calming. Cross Walk enhancements seem to be a priority but this grant is open ended for other initiatives. Speed studies are available. Selectboard wants committee to seek approval before going for a grant.

III. Review/approval of the September 22, 2022 meeting minutes

No Quorum

IV. Mission Statement selection

No Quorum

V. Pine St. plan presentation

Project Context: Identified as a place where some type of initiative is needed to help pedestrians/cyclists with traffic calming. Ad Hoc committee suggested line painting, turn Pine St as single lane for vehicles.

Feedback from Pine St residents seek help for safety. Used as a bypass around the village.

Stop Sign additions at specific intersections will be interim step.

Suggest stop signs and lines at:

Pine/Munsill intersections in east/west bound direction

Paint a stop line at the Pine/Munsill intersection on the Munsill northbound lane

Install signs and lines at the Pine/Maple in east/west bound direction.

Plan is available to the public.

Comments from the public.

VI. Village/district Speed Limit

Ian explained a study done in Oct. 2020 that the Selectboard recently received. Pine St is 23 mph. 85th percentile is 28mph. The state looks at the data and agrees that the majority are already below the stated speed limit of 30mph, then seeking to change the limit to 25mph, as this committee is, is acceptable.

Liberty Street average is 29mph. 85th percentile is 35mph. State would look at that and say the road is allowing cars to go too fast and to look at other ways to make the road more safe. Making lanes less wide, speed bumps, etc. However, Liberty is faster/dangerous in a school zone area.

Can still present to the State that speed reduction in concerned areas is valid but also include other mitigation ideas.

Push button/Flashing lights at cross walks work, but not too many, but serve a different purpose than stop signs.

Other Thoughts: Mountain Street lacks a sidewalk north of Elementary School. Challenging area for walkers and cyclists. Will be assessed after Pine Street scope.

Further thoughts on creating striping, both sides of road, one side of road, no center line, create defined car lanes without defining bike/walk lane. Is there a minimum width for car lanes? Studies are coming in from Bristol Police Chief. Cris will share national studies in the future.

VII. Adjourn at 8:10pm

Next regular Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting: Currently scheduled for Thanksgiving, November 24, 2022