

Borough of Hightstown  
**Complete Streets Committee**

Meeting Minutes 11/13/2019

7:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

*STATEMENT:* Adequate notice of this meeting has been given in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231. Said notice was provided to the *Trenton Times* and the *Windsor-Hights Herald*, and is posted in the Borough Clerk’s office.

- Roll Call

Member	Attended	Absent
Council President Steve Misiura, Vice-Chair		▪
Joe Cicalese, Chair and Planning Board and Environmental Commission representative	▪	
Beverly Asselstine, Secretary, Planning Board representative	▪	
Dave Zaiser, Environmental Commission representative	▪	
Brian Clissold		▪
Alex Costantino	▪	
Tim Troxler	▪	

- Approval of Agenda **Approved with amendment**
- Approval of Minutes 10/23/19 **approved**

NEW BUSINESS

- Engineering: Infrastructure projects 2020 & Beyond **Guest - Carmela Roberts, Borough Engineer. Discussed previous projects and potential upcoming projects in detail. See report at end of Minutes.**
- Safe Routes to School Silver Award Recognition **Discussed recent recognition received by the Borough from the NJ Department of Transportation.**
- Summary NJDOT Commissioner Keynote Address GMTMA luncheon **Bev reviewed some key points from the presentation, including resources available at NJDOT to help communities improve safety on our roadways and a recent pilot project in Princeton – the first state route with an “all stop” intersection to enable pedestrian crossings in all directions. This project is at Washington Road and Nassau, the site of a recent pedestrian death. The Commissioner emphasized the importance of doing projects like this that are requested by communities.**

- **Amended item: NJ DOT Share-the-Roads – Discussed possibility of getting the state to install markings/signage on Route 33.**

#### OLD BUSINESS

- 2019 NJDOT Mobility Plan (Kick-off in December, Community advisory in January) **Confirmed date of December 12. (Note: after the 11/13 meeting the meeting on Dec 12 was established as a kick-off and community advisory board meeting)**
- Mercer County/N Main St Bike Lane Rollout **Discussed next steps on the parking ordinance on North Main Street, which will enable us to have the bike lanes.**

#### ADJOURNMENT

## Borough of Hightstown

# Complete Streets Committee Infrastructure Project Report

11/13/2019

**Philosophy:** Leverage municipal aid funding for projects that create a connected network of street improvements, including paving, curbs and sidewalks. Coordinate with water main, storm sewer and other infrastructure work funded by Borough. If needed and whenever possible, supplement with additional Borough funds to complete the network for the project area. Incorporate street trees whenever possible.

Any street work completed over the last 30 years has included removing any lead water service lines and goose neck connectors. No lead remains in the street, but may remain from curb to house.

### Active projects 2019 and 2020:

- Church Street and Foreman (in conjunction with water main) - completed
- Maple, Sunset and First Avenue – completed, municipal aid, Borough funded Sunset to complete the sidewalk network in the area.
- Lincoln, Hagemount and Rocky Brook Court – municipal aid awarded, advertising (contract must be awarded by February 1, 2020). No sidewalks on Rocky Brook Court due to large tree, steep grades impacting driveways and lack of through traffic.
- Springcrest, Glenn, Taylor, Spruce Court – municipal aid awarded, needs ordinance and budget allocation by Borough for down payment, ordinance will be introduced in early January, expect to advertise in July and start late August/early September 2020. Will include sidewalks on one side of Springcrest to complete sidewalk network to Hightstown High School from South Main. Requested JCP&L install new street light at Springcrest and South Main. County is installing new crosswalk and ADA ramps at Springcrest and South Main.
- Stockton at Joseph – new cross walk and ADA ramps installed to facilitate school crossing (moved to the east to avoid the wide five point intersection at Haddon, Oak and Dutch Neck Road). Sidewalk on Joseph to be installed Spring 2020.
- Stockton from historic district to the Borough line – water line improvements, including in-street lines, house service lines and fire hydrants. County installing new crosswalk and ADA ramps at Oak Lane on west side of intersection and will repave in spring 2020. They will also help rationalize the large number of signs on this road segment and add shared road bicycle signs and pavement markings. Some sidewalk replacements / repairs from historic district to Oak Lane.

- Dutch Neck Road – County will repave in spring 2020 when they pave Stockton through the County paving program (Hightstown will pay for the asphalt and Mercer County will do the work). Note: Joint Hightstown and East Windsor application for Safe Routes to School funding for roadway redesign and sidewalks on Dutch Neck Road, Herron and Morrison was rejected.
- Railroad Avenue, Dey Street, Center Street – awarded municipal aid. Project will reconstruct Railroad Avenue and create a rear exit from the new Borough Hall. Sidewalks will be added on Dey and Center, where possible. New ADA ramp and crosswalk across Mercer at Academy to correct wheelchair/stroller hazard at storm sewer grate. The objective is to create a super block of continuous sidewalk around the new Borough facility. Note: one lot on the northwest corner of Summit and Mercer is an impediment to completing the full sidewalk loop because of lack of right-away, steep slope and an old septic system on the private property.
- Plans for funding repairs to three municipal water storage tanks through the state infrastructure bank's low interest loan fund.

#### **Future potential projects:**

- Prospect, Bennett, Houser: repeated water main breaks need to be addressed with new line. Area currently has no sidewalks and narrow streets with a significant amount of on-street parking. This is a secluded neighborhood near two elementary schools without through traffic.
- Schyler, Orchard, Clover and Meadow: repeated water main problems on Schyler, Orchard has not been paved for a very long time. Clover and Meadow were last repaved 15 years ago. No existing sidewalks. Roads are wide. This is a secluded neighborhood near Peddie and Hightstown High School without through traffic.
- Franklin Street (Route 33): no concrete road under the asphalt. Four inch diameter cast iron water mains all along road with lead goose neck connectors to houses. From Maxwell to Borough line to the east there are no sidewalks and the roadway is very wide with a need for traffic calming measures. Intersection with traffic light at Maxwell needs to be redesigned with the state. Sidewalks and roadway/intersection redesign needs to be coordinated with water line work. Given debt funding anticipated for new municipal water tanks, this is likely a project for 2022 or 2023.
- Maxwell, Broad, Manlove, Monmouth, Cole and Clinton: Maxwell, Broad and Manlove have sidewalk gaps and have deteriorated roadways. Manlove has one block that has never been paved south of Franklin. Cole and Clinton had a new water line installed and some roadway work, but some sidewalk gaps exist. Unlike Maxwell, Broad and Manlove, these are isolated roads with no through traffic. Monmouth (county route) has sidewalk gaps and many sidewalks and curbs in need of repair.

- Reed, Chamberlain, Mechanic, Purdy: Streets were redone, but only piece meal work on curbs and sidewalks. Funding from municipal aid at the time was not enough to complete the network and Council voted not to supplement funding at the time.