

Hardwick Planning Commission
Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Task Force
October 8, 2019
Hardwick Memorial Building
Minutes

HPC Members Present: Joyce Mandeville; Jim Lewis; Diane Grenkow; and Dave Gross, Chair
Also Present: Kristen Leahy, Hardwick Zoning Administrator (ZA); Elizabeth Dow, Select Board Member; Shari Cornish, Select Board Member; and Shaun Fielder, Town Manager.

Absent: Ken Davis

Chair Dave Gross opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Jim Lewis moved to approve agenda as published. Joyce Mandeville seconded. All members were in favor.

Joyce Mandeville moved to approve the September 10, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Jim Lewis seconded. All members were in favor. Joyce Mandeville moved to approve the September 27, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Jim Lewis seconded. All members were in favor.

The Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Task Force will be meeting again on Friday, October 11, 2019 at 11:00 am at the Hardwick Town Offices.

Dave provided the Commission/Task Force with a Power Point overview of the Route 15 Intersection approaches. Dave demonstrated that neither intersection in the downtown Hardwick area (Route 15 and North Main Street / Route 15 and Route 14) would be able to utilize a roundabout. Possible approach may include new stop signs.

Wiz and Kristen interviewed 2 stakeholders to test the “semi-structured interview.” Mike and Tom Brochu provided insights on the biking patterns (individual bikes that attempt to stay on the edge of the road are more dangerous – the road lane should be utilized as a bike lane) and pedestrian patterns (the crosswalk is too far from the intersection). They also commented on the consistent u-turns in their parking area and the truck parking or car parking at the edge of their parking area (both situations could be remedied by a raised sidewalk – which would be welcomed by the Brochus). Front Seat Coffee also commented on the pedestrian crossing in the Route 15/14 intersection and discussed the limited amount of “obvious parking.”

The survey structure appears to be viable. The surveys need approximately ½ hour to accomplish. Task Force members will work in teams of two – Diane and Jim; Joyce and Dave; and Wiz and Kristen. Jim and Diane will interview Larry Hamel and Buddy Hayes. Wiz and Kristen will interview the Hardwick Gazette and the Village Diner. Joyce and Dave will interview the Co-op and AT&T. Kristen will serve as the coordinator of the Stakeholder list.

The next HPC meeting will be on November 5, 2019. This is the first Tuesday of the month. The second Tuesday of November will be the Chorus Day concert at Hazen Union.

Diane Grenkow made the motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Joyce Mandeville seconded. All members were in favor.

~ Respectfully submitted, Kristen Leahy, ZA