

## **Bicycle & Pedestrian Committee**

**Special Meeting: 12:30 Wednesday , June 01, 2016**

**Meeting Place Commission Room, Town Hall**

**Attendance: Ray Rauth (Chairman), Walter Shanley, Julie Sidhu**

**Meeting called to order 12:35**

### **I. Discussion of Improvements to Lyons Plains Road.**

Ray shared the measurements that he and Julie Sidhu did last summer on Lyons Plains Road which looked at travel lane width, verge and hard shoulder width. It was noted that there are possibilities to reduce speeding on this road by the reduction of travel lane width and thus increasing the width of the shoulder for the safety of cyclists and pedestrians. It was also noted that in many areas the grass verges had overgrown the original shoulder. If this could be cut back the shoulder width could be increased even before repainting. Ray noted that further study should be done on the various ways to make this road safer and a formal presentation to be made to the Police Commission. In order to accomplish this we need to do our homework as to the road policies of Weston. Is there a written policy defining what is a road? Where do we find out this information? Ray offered to speak with town engineer regarding this.

Julie will look at other towns and do an Internet search of studies regarding lane width, safety, walkability index and we will all take a look at the State Highway Design Manual available online. Ray warned that it is hundreds of pages and very detailed so our local policies are our best resource if available.

Julie will also talk to realtors to find out how much “walkability” in Weston is important to residents and potential home buyers.

### **II. Any other issues that may come up- Old Mill Road**

Walter brought us up to date on the increased speed limit signs on Old Mill Road. In an email from Chief Troxell, Walter noted that the state law mandated the increased speed signs to be posted. Currently the police do not have enough manpower to enforce the speed limit by radar so other means need to be looked into. Walter met with First Selectman Nina Daniel who was also concerned about this speed limit increase. Police Commission will discuss at their June 7th meeting.

Ray mentioned that there was an article in the Weston Forum and a study of Old Mill has been recommended to the local traffic authority (L.T.A.). Ray recommended that it should also include a walkability study including town center.

**Meeting Adjourned 13:45**

**Next Meeting July 13th**