

**AGENDA: Safe Streets Working Group**

**DATE: February 23, 2022**

**TIME: 7:00 to 8:30 PM (Remote Meeting – link at end of agenda)**

Hello SSWG Members -

Our February meeting of SSWG is scheduled for this Wednesday (2.23.2022) Please note that we have moved all monthly meetings to the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7 PM.

There is a lot happening in town regarding roads/transportation and long-range planning for the community. Our goal as a volunteer committee is work with our town government to provide input and support to these existing town-wide initiatives and to bring out more people interested in being engaged in SSWG.

Topics for our February meeting include:

- 1) Bike / Ped Plan Moving Forward. At our January meeting we noted that SSWG held a large planning meeting with MAPC and our Town Engineer (Bill Renault) on 12.13.2021 to review the draft bicycle and pedestrian planning (see attached).

**ACTION ITEM:** SSWG has requested additional walking tours with MAPC and the Town Engineer to discuss design improvements to key roads / intersections in town. Some of the locations include:

- 1) North Avenue on the western side of the Lake and Main Street / Route 129
  - 2) High School focused on Farm Street between Water and Nahant
  - 3) Main Street from the Melrose town line into Wakefield Center
  - 4) Albion Street and North Avenue intersection. Albion construction work is ongoing.
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- 2) Shared Streets Funding for Oak Street / Green Street re-design. Town Engineers, Bill Renault and Tim Wilson, distributed a re-design of this busy intersection based on a walking tour held on 2.3.2022. The revised re-design includes a traffic circle to at Oak and Greenwood Avenue to slow down motor vehicle traffic and make design pedestrian crosswalks with better sight lines.
  - 3) **Summer Lake Recreation Sundays.** SSWG has submitted an application to the Town to organize a pilot event we're tentatively calling "Lake Recreation Sundays" this summer. PROPOSED DATES are June 12, July 10 and August 14. The event would close down one lane of North Avenue (adjacent to the lake) and one lane of Main Street/Route 129 to motorized traffic. This would create a recreational opportunity for kids, families, adults to walk, cycle, roller blade or scooter more freely to the Lake during the summer. We're proposing to hold this event between 11 AM and 5 PM, subject to town approval.

**ACTION ITEM:** We will submit an application for the event to the town for their review. We are looking for people interested in \*volunteering\* in some capacity to work on organizing and holding this event!

4) MassDOT “Safe Speeds” Resource. Our state transportation agency has released guidance for cities and towns to implement safer speeds to reduce traffic injuries and fatalities. The on-line resources include an “Safe Speeds: Roadway Treatment Technical Toolkit”. We’ll discuss learning more about this resource. <https://www.mass.gov/safe-speeds>

**Zoom Information (meeting will be recorded)**

Time: Jan 26, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Note: this information will be the same for each meeting through October 2022, 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of Month