

COMPLETE STREETS MEETING NOTES

Southwest Region Planning Commission (SWRPC) meeting with Jaffrey Complete Streets Committee

November 21, 2016

Present: Ed Merrell, *Jaffrey Planning Board & SWRPC Board of Directors*; Tim Gordon, *Jaffrey Planning Board*; Mari Brunner, *SWRPC*; Liz Kelly, *SWRPC*.

Not present: Jo Anne Carr, *Town of Jaffrey*; Robert Clark, *Jaffrey-Rindge Middle School*.

I. Project Overview

- a. Mari Brunner provided an overview of the Partnerships to Improve Community Health (PICH) initiative and Complete Streets. She also distributed sample design guidelines and policies to Task Force members.
- b. It was noted that Route 124 improvements will be made next year by NHDOT. Currently there is no shoulder on Route 124 near Jaffrey Center.
- c. Ed Merrell mentioned the importance of education in this project. He gave the example of pedestrians walking on the wrong side of the road.
- d. Ed Merrell asked whether NHDOT is on board with Complete Streets. Mari said that NHDOT is willing to work with towns to implement Complete Streets improvements, but the town will have to initiate the conversation.
- e. Ed Merrell mentioned that they are currently in the middle of a Master Plan update process. During the process, the town created a community survey to obtain feedback related to the town master plan from residents. Ed said that residents gave feedback related to accessibility to the downtown and the downtown's walkability and bikability. Mari will work with Jo Anne Carr to obtain this information.

II. Project goals/expectations

- a. Ed and Tim both mentioned that the downtown area would be the focus of this project, but would like to include all the streets within the policy framework.
- b. There is also interest in improving connectivity, particularly between the downtown and tourist destinations (such as hiking trails, etc.) and between Jaffrey Center and the downtown area.

III. Approach/Process

- a. Mari provided an overview of the proposed timeframe.
- b. It was determined that the Complete Streets subcommittee and Jaffrey planning board will help develop the policy and guidelines. The planning board will send the documents to the Board of Selectmen to consider for adoption.
- c. Tim and Ed were in favor of creating a street typology system for Jaffrey.

- d. Ed suggested that SWRPC staff give a presentation about Complete Streets to the Master Plan Vision Subcommittee. This may provide SWRPC with further information on the town's vision of Complete Streets and the town's goals related to this project. Mari Brunner will contact Jo Anne Carr to set something up.

IV. Next Meeting: TBD

- a. Mari will send out a doodle poll to determine the next meeting date.