

**Attendees:**

David McCarthy
Brian Ross
Jeannie Adamowicz
Scott Brown
Leah Drennan
Judi Sewall
Tim DePerrio – Public Works

**Topics Discussed:****Discussions with Tim DePerrio – Department of Public Works****Department of Public Works - York, ME (website)**

Tim DePerrio has recently become the head of York Public Works. Tim has worked for York Public Works for over 40 years at all levels of the department. Our conversations focused on our mutual interests in providing safe and accessible transportation options for all York citizens and visiting road users. A brief summary of the discussions Follows.

Road paving plans are prepared on a five-year cycle. The listing of roads covered in the current plan are on the above website. While the paving plan is primarily driven by physical road conditions, other factors including integration of water and sewer projects, grant opportunities, and capital projects affect the schedules. Whenever undertaking a paving project, DPW works to improve the roads for all users, including new or expanded sidewalks, shoulders, and bike lanes.

Where a project has significant improvements beyond the core paving maintenance, a separate capital project may be sent for voter approval. This was recently done on Mountain Road and is being proposed for Long Sands Road in FY-26.

A few specific projects were addressed on more detail including:

- Nubble Road/Broadway -This is an on-going effort that will take another 4-5 years to complete the loop with sidewalks continuing the work that has been accomplished so far.
- Long Beach Ave and Seawall – another on-going major project that will continue to improve parking and sidewalks and add bike amenities (Parks and Rec)
- Village Revitalization – this long running saga is coming closer into view. The planned paving and capital projects will build on revitalization to extend improvements to the Harbor and Beaches.
- The Route 1 Study and the Sewer expansion project are not under DPW purview, but will impact this key transportation corridor.

Recent research by MDOT and others have found that most crosswalks in York are not compliant with MDOT standards. The red stamped crosswalks throughout town, while aesthetically pleasing do not provide adequate visibility. There is also a concern with the slipperiness of the red paint. DPW is developing a plan to upgrade all crosswalks. Committee members also brought up concerns with limited visibility for pedestrians in crosswalks along York Street in the Harbor and along Long Beach Ave. It was suggested that where appropriate,

parking spaces near crosswalks be engineered to provide greater visibility. Options including using these spaces for paid motorcycle slots and/or bike parking corrals.

Tim asked for recommendations from the committee on specific areas for improvement.

- Ridge Road as an active transportation corridor and a sea-level rise mitigation route.
- Shore Road (a state aid road) improvements for all users. This is a frequently used bike route connecting York Beach and Ogunquit.
- The Long Sands Road project noted above supplemented with offroad paths and trails to allow people to get to popular destinations without getting in cars. Note: trails and paths fall under Parks and Rec area if responsibility.
- Route 1 improvements including the study, Beech Ridge Road/Southside Road intersection, York Housing sidewalks, filling in the sidewalk gaps from York Corners to Southside Road.

### **Use of Town Owned Properties for Village Trails**

The letter to the Town Manager concerning the Grant Lane property and possibilities for creation an offroad active transportation path from Woodbridge to Long Sands Road was sent. At the time of the meeting, no feedback had been received.

*(Note: After the meeting the Town Manager advised that the Selectboard was interested in exploring this proposal. Dave will work with Town Staff and include this in the February committee meeting agenda.)*

### **Bike Events in 2025**

Jeannie will look into posters/signboards or other means of publicizing these events. Funds are available in the committee budget for procuring these items.

Jeannie and Leah have worked with Town Staff to schedule the Bike Rodeo and Family Ride on Town approved events listing. Authorizations to use school facilities in support of these event is being obtained.

Bike Rodeo: May 14 at CRES. Rain Date is May 15.

Family Ride: May 17

The Committee has been asked to participate in the York Energy Fair on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will have a table promoting safety and active transportation.

### **New Committee member**

Judi Sewall has been approved by the Selectboard to fill an open vacancy as an alternate member of the committee. Welcome aboard.

**Minutes** were approved for the November meeting. November minutes will be sent for posting on the Town web site.

### **Next Meeting:**

February 19 at 3:30 at the York Public Library

### **Agenda:**

Approve Minutes  
2025 Bike Events  
Village Trails