

**ROUTE 28 COMMITTEE MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2019, 7PM
TOWN HALL**

Approved minutes from 01.24.19 and 02.02.19.

Chair Alison Leschen brought up several articles and a book she had read about various “complete streets” designs in other countries and places. The information included it is safer for bicyclists to have paths in one direction per side of the street.

Public comments were interspersed during the meeting and included: the timeline for installing the new water main and the paths will be up to 6 years. Road shifting would cause a significant delay and increase expense. Pole moving is also expensive and would be time consuming. It is also under the purview of the utility companies. Crosswalks should be moved back from the intersections to narrow the crossings and make them safer. The majority of bicyclists in summer are foreign tourists, and there have been two recent bicycle accidents.

PATHWAY RECOMMENDATIONS

11’ foot lanes, 2’ fog line on each side, granite curb, 2’ grass buffer, 8’ multi-modal path on each side of Highway 28. Exceptions/notable obstacles as follows-

SOUTH SIDE

Sheet 3. Big Elm at station marker (henceforth #) 134 on the south side. Please accommodate with a bump out. Save the tree.

Sheet 4. Big Elm at #139. Elevated land. Save tree and utilize bump around.

Sheet 6. Maravista Extension intersection: add audibles and bike symbols at crosswalk. Public request for turn lanes, square intersection, and a smart intersection. It had been previously announced that the intersection will not be widened to include turn lanes. A counterpoint was that widening the intersection would increase vehicle speeds and would eliminate the multimodal paths.

Sheet 8. #146 supported utility pole. #148+50’ remove/replace locust tree

Sheet 9. #149+50’ remove locust and there’s a fence in the right of way. #151 Double utility pole

Sheet 10. #152 fence #153 fence

Sheet 11. #153-155 several utility poles

Sheet 12. #155+50'-157 2' fog line, granite curb, 2' green space that holds a wooden guard rail and trees, minimize path to 6', planting. **Public comment: can it be 5'?**
#157 go back to 8' path. #157-159 continue guard rail in green space.

Sheet 13. Narrow curb cuts, continue 8' path (at Aubuchon)

Sheet 14. Ibid.

Sheet 15. #162+50' eliminate curb cut and redirect to Village Common Entrance?

Sheet 16 #166 save tree

Sheet 17. #170 narrow? #171 keep cedars # 172 narrow due to house?

Sheet 18 #173+50 utility box/transformer

#174-183 clear of obstruction

Sheet 22. Crosswalk at #182?

NORTH SIDE

Sheet 22. Crosswalk at #182?

Sheet 21. #179-178+50' remove maples

Sheet 20. #178 the sidewalk is on the resident's property. Move sidewalk toward road. #177 remove trees

Sheet 17. #172 narrow sidewalk to 6'. #170 planters/parking lot, adjust to accommodate safety

Sheet 16. #166-169 try for 8'

Sheet 15. #146-166 try for 8'

Sheet 14. #162+80' transformer, narrow to 6' (leads to hill)

Sheet 12. #158 trees close in plus elevation of adjacent property and #154-157 keep 6'

Sheet 11 & 10. #150-157 Keep 6'.

Sheet 9. Keep 6'. 148+50'-150 Draining and easement issues? Retaining wall?

Sheet 8. #146 keep trees if possible, keep 6'

Sheet 7. #143-146 Keep 6'

Sheet 6. #141+50' traffic control box (narrow?). Signs that bike path is turning into lanes at Sandwich Road. Keet 6'.

Sheet 5. Keep 6'. #139+50' pole

Sheet 4. #138+50' two stone pillars (move? Narrow path?) and trim yew hedges

Sheet 3. #133-136 keep 6'.

Sheet 2. Turn bike path at #130+80' to meet walking path on Administration property. Continue to Sandwich Road with a flashing crosswalk to prevent pedestrians and bicyclists from attempting to cross Sandwich Road/Route 28 intersection.

Next meeting set for Thursday, March 7, 2019, at 7PM at Town Hall.

Public meeting tentatively set for March 9, 2019, at 9AM. Location TBA.