



Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 19th, 2016

Present: T. Filorimo, C. Shields, T. Maran, R. Crimmins, J. Watson, J. Belkin
T. Neely, M. Scruggs

The meeting was called to order at 3PM. Chairman Filorimo confirmed that Commissioner Palmer is resigning as he is moving out of Southampton. Commissioner Haresign had previously announced her resignation; Councilman Glinka will be sending a letter to both, thanking them for their years of volunteer service to the Town. The expected upcoming appointment of Mollie Scruggs to the Commission was also discussed.

The members discussed the criteria to be used in the next phase of the “Unimproved Roads” project road ranking evaluation. Following this discussion, a conference call was held with LKMA and LiRo. It was agreed that roads marked as dead ends should be evaluated to determine what road they connect with. Depending on the type of road they connect with (another private road, Town road, County road) their connectivity rating may be increased. The total number of buildings on each road will also be considered in the adjustment of connectivity scores. The Town will also be identifying select roads considered strategically important, with those roads to have their rating increased.

There was a discussion of the possibility of surveying residents of unimproved roads to determine their level of interest. It was noted that property owners adjacent to roads which have previously applied for TL 200 have already demonstrated an interest. It was agreed that roads which have previously applied for consideration under Town Law 200 should also receive a higher rating.

A recommendation for a prorated scale of Town contribution to improvement of a road is being developed. Higher ranked roads would be offered a greater share of Town contribution towards the improvement.

A Town wide public referendum on this initiative is being considered for November 2017.

The Commission members were advised that the timeline for the Tuckahoe Center project review by the Suffolk County Planning Commission has been extended.

The members were updated on the Bridgehampton Traffic Safety Improvement project status. Competitive proposals have been received from five firms and those are being evaluated.

The members were updated on the meeting held in Riverhead earlier in the day to follow up on improved public transportation options for the East End. East Hampton and Southampton Towns are both preparing letters outlining their request to the LIRR for increased work force commuter train service. Conveying these requests will be coordinated through Assemblyman Thiele's office. The need for local connecting bus service was also discussed based on the 2008 'South Fork Commuter Connection' model. The likely need for increased parking near the Hampton Bays trains station was also discussed. Both local bus service and possible infrastructure improvements will be pursued as the LIRR plans are developed.

The members noted that traffic flow on SR 27 in Water Mill during pumpkin picking season seemed improved over previous years; credit was given to the Town Police and TCO's for their efforts.

The next meeting will be held November 16th, 2017 at 3PM in the lower level meeting room.