

Town of Plattsburgh Complete Streets & Trails Steering Committee

Planned Agenda for our Tuesday, September 25th Gathering #4 at Town Hall, 4:30 PM until roughly 5:45 PM

At Tuesday afternoon's meeting we are slated to:

1. **Place** our name on the attendance roster as part of accurately recording our attendance at this third meeting of our steering committee.
2. **Engage in a rapid 'hear from each committee member' around the room fashion regarding the tasks ahead** for our steering committee.

To do so, we will each identify **one** of the following tasks that we believe should be given **full consideration** for inclusion in our to-be-drafted fall 2012 report to the Town Board:

A. Crafting a set of priority streets and sidewalks to promote Town Board attention, consideration and focus regarding:

1. Concept of 'Complete Streets' as part of advance planning for renovations, updating and improving our town's thoroughfares
2. Safety & Sustainability for our Town, which continues to grow and evolve even during challenging financial times
3. Sustaining our reputation and status as a quality, preferred community in Clinton County
4. Health benefits associated with expanded engagement with walking and biking day-to-day and from time-to-time
5. Economic development as a catalyst for advancing the interests of expanding complete streets and trails, over time
6. Environmental benefits to all of the above for the residents of our town, county, state, nation and planet

B. Inventorying of the Town's infrastructure with a 'complete streets' approach and focus in mind

C. Examining intersections as part of integrating longer-term planning with year-to-year project priorities across our township

D. Recommending signage for future updating & upgrading

E. Promoting State Department of Transportation partnerships with our town

F. Learning more about bike routes, bike lanes, bike paths and bikeway networks

G. Eventually discussing the prospect of community "Summit" events for year 2013 and 2014

3. **Hear** with members of our steering committee who participated with our Planning Department at the September 18th Walk-Bike Symposium [Governor's Traffic Safety Committee] Several steering committee members volunteered to be part of the contingent, and we'll receive a briefing on that symposium from our steering committee colleagues who attended on our behalf.

4. **Gather** a September update from Phil VonBargen regarding follow-up efforts so far associated with his recent correspondence with Lynn Godek, the New York State Department of Transportation's [NYSDOT] Regional Bike & Pedestrian Coordinator. The intent of engaging with that NYSDOT coordinator is to hopefully attract some NYSDOT attention to our steering committee's efforts and perhaps engage the coordinator's attendance to a future steering committee meeting and/or face-to-face engagement with Phil and Trevor of our Town Planning Department. Certainly the Town of Plattsburgh is fortunate to have a sidewalk system extending from the Saranac River Rt. 22B bridge all the way to the city of Plattsburgh –roughly four miles in length. Phil VonBargen is striving to engage the NYSDOT coordinator in conversation and examination of several intersections along the way that are particularly dangerous for pedestrian and bicyclists.
5. **Receive** an update from the Planning Department two projects: [1] on the NYSDOT's project [now underway] to upgrade the signal light at Military Turnpike/Route 3 intersection, which is appearing to include pedestrian improvements that are more in keeping with a Complete Streets viewpoint; and [2] the Saranac River Trail Corridor, previously earmarked in the Regional Economic Development Council's December 2011 selection, to which would fund a consultant and perhaps other 'next steps'.
6. **Adopt** a Complete Streets & Trails Steering Committee Resolution of September 25, 2012 proposing the Town Board to allocate \$50K in the FY 2013 Town Budget for a Complete Streets program. Phil VonBargen is slated to prepare a preliminary draft resolution and email that draft resolution to us this Monday, September 24th as part of helping us prepare for our consideration of that draft resolution at Tuesday's 4:30 PM gathering.
7. **Add** County Legislator Sara Rowden to our steering committee's listserv, in advance of her joining us at one of our fall 2012 or winter 2013 steering committee gatherings.
8. **Obtain** an update on Planning Department efforts to provide steering committee members with **digital maps of town roads**, to help us in future discussions. Those maps make clear which roads within our township are state, town county roads or city-owned roadways.
9. **Reserve** our October 2012 meeting mostly for generating a preliminary draft list of steering committee recommendations for the Town Board to consider, based on our summer/fall 2012 steering committee discussions. At our August 28th meeting we discussed the likelihood that one of our recommendations will be that the Town Board budget an amount of monies for improvements & projects associated with enhancing and improving our town's system of roads and sidewalks. We'll extend that discussion at our September 25th gathering.
10. **Schedule** our October 2012 steering committee meeting.
11. **Share** some thoughts around the table regarding **what we've valued so far** as members of the steering committee; and
12. **Adjourn.**

Respectfully submitted by A. Paul Scott, Chairperson

