

**TOWN OF CASTLETON**  
**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, November 11, 2019 at 6:30pm**  
**Castleton Town Hall**  
**263 VT – 30**  
**Bomoseen, VT 05732**

**PRESENT:** Jim Leamy, Chair; Richard Combs, Vice Chair; Zack Holzworth, Secretary; Robert Spaulding, Member; Joseph Mark, Select Board Parliamentarian; Michael Jones, Town Manager; Eliza LeBrun, Recording Secretary; Susan Schreibman; John Rehlen; Wenger Rehlen; Nancy Mark; Shirley Sequin

**PUBLIC MEETING OPENED**

The Public Meeting to seek public input on 2 VTrans Transportation Alternatives grant applications was opened at 6:30pm by Select Board Chair, Jim Leamy. Those present were provided with a copy of the first page of both applications.

Town Manager Mike Jones explained the purpose of the public meeting as a way to share information with the community about the opportunities the scoping studies could offer the Town of Castleton. Castleton University contacted the Town about ongoing issues with crosswalks, sidewalks and lighting and as the Town of Castleton did not receive the Better Connections Grant, the VTrans Transportation Alternatives Grant offered a an opportunity for the Town to apply for assistance and begin scoping studies that would be needed for possible future engineering and construction. Town Manager Mike Jones explained that the Town has also been working to resolve issues with stormwater runoff and hope to use the VTrans Transportation Alternatives Grant as a way to help with the cost of the necessary scoping studies for possible future engineering and construction as well.

***The Town of Castleton is applying for a VTrans Transportation Alternatives grant to fund a scoping study to address pedestrian accessibility, public safety, lighting and signage on Main Street/VT Rte 4A from the terminus of the D&H Rail Trail to South Street, south on South Street to the crossing of the D&H Rail Trail adjacent to Wolk Stadium.***

Resident John Rehlen noted that he felt that the West side of the Village was also a concern for pedestrians as there was no sidewalk and people tended to walk in the road. Regarding the safety perspective, Mr. Rehlen suggested the scoping study include the area of Diamond Hollow.

Mr. Jones noted that this area is outside the current Village designated area and may be outside the scoping study area at this time. However, the Town Manager noted that there may be a way to expand the scoping study.

Residents Shirley Sequin and Nancy Mark agreed that the West side was a good idea, but they also noted that the sidewalks that were once on the East side of the Village are no longer there and so pedestrians are walking in the shoulder and roadways which is unsafe.

Select Board Vice Chair Jim Leamy would like to see the West side of South Street to Sand Hill Extension included in the scoping study.

Mr. Rehlen also noted that as the Village is historic lighting would be a concern that should be addressed.

***The Town of Castleton is applying for a VTrans Transportation Alternatives grant to fund a scoping study to address the stormwater system in the Castleton Village area.***

Mr. Jones explained that the Town has been dealing with concerns about stormwater backups in the Castleton Village area of Rte 4A, Seminary Street, Elm Street and Mechanic Street. There is a lot of old and new infrastructure in these areas and the old infrastructure is failing causing flooding in basements and sink holes among other things.

Mrs. Schreiberman noted that this is the first step in engineering changes.

Mr. Rehlen shared his concern over runoff from local businesses contaminating the aquifer and drinking water.

Ms. Mark asked if the Town would continue to try to fix the stormwater issues if the grant was not awarded.

Mr. Jones affirmed this and stated that the grant would help with the planning costs.

**PUBLIC MEETING CLOSED**

The Public Meeting was closed at 6:51pm.

Respectfully submitted; Eliza LeBrun, Recording Secretary