

**Town of Huntington — Lower Village Local Concerns Meeting
Lower Village Bicycle/Pedestrian Scoping Study**

Monday, July 29, 2014—7:00 pm

Union Meeting House / Library – Lower Village

** UNAPPROVED ** MINUTES

Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose: Solicit local concerns related to bicycle, pedestrian and vehicular transportation as part of the VTrans Lower Village Scoping Study grant • Review background and goals • Review process and timelines • Review & discuss: Existing conditions; Goals and concerns; Past & ongoing projects; Concepts from other communities
Attendees:	<p>Jeanine Carr, Jim Christiansen (Chair, Selectboard), Barbara Elliott (Town Administrator), Jeff Ferguson, Paul Finnerty, Lucy Gibson (Presenter; Dubois & King), Peter Keating (CCRPC), Dean Grover, Nancy Grover, Paula Kelley, Bruce Moody, Heidi Racht, Mike Ramsey, Lorrie Richland, Randy Richland, Bill Rogers, Julie Rogers, Daryl Storrs, Debbie Worthley</p>
Call to order; Introductions	<p>Christiansen called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm and introduced Lucy Gibson (consultant from Dubois & King). Gibson facilitated the meeting.</p>
Study Milestones & Timeframes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 2014 - Public Meeting: Local Concerns • September/October 2014 – Develop Alternatives (Dubois & King) • November 2014 – Public Workshop to review alternatives • December 2014 – Refine Alternatives (Dubois & King) • January/February 2015 – Cost & Feasibility Analysis • March 2015 – Final Meeting & Report
Average Daily Traffic	<p>Average Daily Traffic 2,400 – On Main Road, heading south into Lower Village 1,700 – On Main, just past the Village Green in the Lower Village 820 – On East Street 390 – On Bridge Street</p>
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Transportation Concerns/Feedback for Lower Village <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Highest vehicle volumes are from 6:00 to 8:30AM ○ Noise, from braking and acceleration, are also concerns ○ Mid-day the Village is quiet ○ VT State Police Speed enforcement is only 6.5 hours/week ○ Main Road pavement height is getting too high causing water runoff issues (although not mentioned, this has been a problem in the past on Bridge Street as well). ○ Need to have the roadway narrowed • Main Road Vehicle Speed Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speeding is the major problem in the Lower Village ○ Cars passing each other in the Village area is a problem ○ No Passing sign should be installed by the Community Gardens ○ The 45 to 35 mph transition zone should be moved further out from Village; Vehicle acceleration occurs too soon moving out of Village

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Town plow trucks drive too fast ● Bridge Street Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Speed is also a concern on Bridge Street north of the bridge but it's compounded by dust and visibility issues near bridge ○ Some support for paving Bridge Street (including the UK model of shared-space lanes) ○ The sidewalk on the Bridge Street bridge is not plowed ● East Street Intersection / Village Green Area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ East Street intersection is a problem ○ Vehicle parking encroaching on the Village Green is a problem ○ Don't ignore the school bus transfer activity at the Green ● Pedestrian / Bicycle Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Need improved safety conditions for pedestrians ○ Pedestrian traffic is light but bicycle traffic is increasing ○ Seems to be a general lack of awareness by drivers that there are pedestrians in the Lower Village ○ The crosswalk and shoulder striping are fairly new – not sure there's been any impact from these ○ Need to have damaged pedestrian cross walk signs replaced ○ Every day problem noted by a daily pedestrian ○ Runners note early morning speed problem ○ There was a pedestrian hit by a car in the Village about 10 years ago ● Feedback on Alternative Solutions/Concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The 2000 Village concepts did not generate overwhelming approval ○ Traffic calming techniques, especially splitter islands, seemed to have broad support from those in attendance ○ General support for speed bumps/tables on Main Road and Bridge Street (Good example in S. Burlington on Hadley and Meadow Roads) ○ Support for intermittent road narrowing, as traffic calming tool ○ The Danville project was widely admired ○ The UK traffic calming removing the center stripe was supported ○ Speed radar feedback signs might be a positive solution – enforcement can only go so far, so other passive mechanisms are needed ○ Install a stop sign on Main Rd near East St intersection (make cars stop at bottom of or on the hill heading north into the Lower Village center) ○ Suggestion that enforcement cameras could be a good tool ○ Stormwater can be addressed with curbing – although concern was expressed about the safety for bicyclists with curbing ○ Try doing something dramatic with the road surface
Adjournment	Meeting wrapped up at 9:05pm
	07/29/14 – Meeting date 07/31/14 – Draft/unapproved minutes sent to Town Clerk for website posting Xx/xx/14 – Final/approved minutes approved xx/xx/14 – Approved minutes sent to Town Clerk for recording & website posting