

Neighborhood Meeting #2 – Meeting Summary

Concerned about the volume and velocity of traffic on Winter St.

Concerned about the quality of life on Winter St, particularly the noise at the hill at then upper end of Winter St. (Main St. end)

Concerned about ‘midnight’ openings of stores at the Mall

Are bikes allowed on sidewalks? Can they travel the ‘wrong’ way on sidewalks?

Winter St. is too narrow for the volume of traffic it carries

Noticed uptick in traffic on Winter St. around the time the Black Bridge was closed, as well as when the new lights went in on Maine St. in Brunswick

Bikes use sidewalks when roadways feel unsafe

Local traffic issues can cost big bucks to fix

Can speed limits be lowered on Winter St.?

Can the Town use more police patrols on Winter St?

Can the Town place a restriction on truck traffic on Winter St.?

Where/when is the snapping point for too much traffic on Winter St.?

Local infrastructure doesn’t match growth over last 15 years

Has the Town considered re-establishing a Traffic?

Can the Town implementation impact fees on new development?

Could Winter St. be made one-way at the bottom of the hill?

Why is there a left turn off of Main onto Winter, when people can turn left at the light?

Park Drive and Topsham Fair Mall Road – traffic fails to yield

Bootlegger’s digital sign isn’t always turned off at night

Why a delay in cleaning sidewalks of snow after a storm? This is a management issue.

I live in the R-1 and the side setbacks won’t allow me to build a 2-car garage. Can the Town look at decreasing side setbacks?

What is going to happen about a Lower Village Park? We have been hearing about it for years.

Handicapped access at polls should be looked at – parking areas, access/egress, lighting, waiting in multiple lines

Extra ballot machines would make lines at polls move faster

Use the web site more effectively – agendas, election results

Why are results posted so late?

Brookfield signs along river are too many

What are future plans of Brookfield re: fencing or other ideas?

The Library is great – well funded and taken care of

SAD 75 is great – A+

Fire department – A++

DPW does a good job on sidewalks

Storm drain system in the Heights needs improvements. DPW has done a great job so far, but it needs to continue to fix the pipes from the Swinging Bridge area downstream

What is happening with money Town has set aside for Bay Park Phase II project?

Difficulty getting people to meetings

A periodic (quarterly) newsletter would be a good idea for the Town

Like the fact that the Town allows residents to speak their minds – very open

Town has to use different ways to communicate effectively

The Town should use the Cryer as a way of getting information out

Does the Planning Board look at traffic impacts of new projects?

Commend the Town and the Board for its outreach – keep it up

Reminder that Town Meeting is May 20, 2015

Consider additional meetings prior to Town Meeting

Remember that the up or down vote at Town Meeting is the finale – the work at drafting ordinances or budgets takes place weeks and months before Town Meeting at the Committee level

Compliments to DPW and Parks and Recreation for Swinging Bridge and Riverwalk

Can the Town look at putting in a sidewalk on Maple street up to Bridge?