

How the Village Streets Study Committee came to be...

At the May 15, 2023 Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting there was a presentation from Mobycon. Both the BOS and citizens commented that they desired to have more time to review the materials presented. The deadline for making a grant application was July 2023 instead of the September 2023 deadline anticipated from experience in previous years. There was a discussion about what was needed for the grant application process and the possibility of being ready for the grant cycle this year. Waiting to apply for grants until next July 2024 was discussed and determined to be an option. The BOS were agreed that they had no interest in rushing through such an important process and planned to discuss this topic further at their next meeting.

At the June 12, 2023 BOS meeting the BOS were presented with a Charter to create the Village Streets Study Committee (VSSC). This committee would continue the process of reviewing the options presented and allow for continued public input. The Charter designated committee membership include representatives from various Town boards and citizen representatives. The BOS discussed receiving recommendations from the Village Streets Study Committee by the end of November 2023. The BOS stated this date was the goal but recognized there might be a need for an extension.

The Town boards acted to designate representatives. The BOS posted a call for citizens to apply to serve on the VSSC. Applications were received, interviews were held, and two citizen representatives were selected.

The VSSC met for the first time on July 24, 2023 to elect a Chair and discuss action items including their meeting schedule. It was determined that the VSSC would meet in Town Hall on the first and fourth Tuesdays for the months of August, September, October, and November with the possibility of adding meetings as needed. The meeting time determined was 5:30 pm.

The VSSC met on August 1, 2023 to address important items and hear a presentation from Mobycon. Moving forward the VSSC plans to meet at Town Hall in the Barbara Landry Meeting Room, 2 Main Street, Amherst, NH 03031 at 5:30 pm. Please follow the VSSC Agenda postings in case there are changes.

To look at Village Streets Study Committee (VSSC) documents, please go to the Town of Amherst website. Click on Boards and Committees which will open a list of choices. Scroll down to Village Streets Study Committee and click on it to open the web page containing links to documents on the left side as well as Agendas and Minutes on the right side.

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