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## Complete Streets Committee Meeting Minutes December 9, 2025

Present: Chair Kim True, Phil Wagner, Susan Brackett, Andrew Davis, Earl Gibson (Public Works Director), Brett Richardson (Development Director), Elizabeth McDonald, Andrew Seymour (LLBean), Eric Smith (Council Liaison), Barbara Guffin

Guest: Andy Spaulding

Meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m. by Chair True

**Approval of Minutes from November Meeting:** Motion to accept minutes of November 18, 2025, as presented. Motion was made by Susan Brackett and seconded by Phil Wagner. Motion carried unanimously.

**Village Corridor MaineDOT PPI Update:** Development Director Richardson summarized his December 2nd Zoom Meeting with Council including next steps regarding the Bow/Main; School/Elm/Main; and Mallett/Main intersections as well as a timetable of deliverables from Stantec (sketches/renderings/public survey).

**Mallett Drive Path Update:** Public Works Director Gibson shared information from MaineDOT that the pathway from the Mallett Drive Bridge to Main Street had been postponed for a year as MeDOT had run low on funds and needed to reprioritize its remaining projects for the season. Director Gibson mentioned that MeDOT had moved the project lower on its priority list due to the lack of a connector on the other side of the bridge. Director Gibson stated that plans are being drawn up to create a pathway that would extend from the west side of the new bridge to Pine Tree Academy on Pownal road which should make many (including MeDOT) happy. Snow removal on the pedestrian section of the Mallet Street Bridge was also discussed.

**Pine Street Project:** Public Works Director Gibson in partnership with GPCOG recently undertook a study of bike and pedestrian traffic on Pine Street and were greatly surprised by the amount of non-vehicular traffic on that road which is not well suited for it. Director Gibson is interested in studying the feasibility of creating an on-shoulder pathway that would extend from the US RT1/Pine Street intersection to the intersection with Main Street in South Freeport to create a much safer environment for those using that area. Chair True asked for clarification that this would be an extension of the road shoulder and not a separated pathway. Director Gibson said was the vision but there was the possibility of adding some guardrails to divide the space in potential trouble spots..

**Staff Updates:** Directors Richardson and Gibson gave several update to the committee:

- The town has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Bicycle Coalition of Maine to create and administer a campaign regarding roadway safety for the coming year. (Richardson)

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- Council has approved an extension of the Tax Increment Financing on the Village Station and the Desert Road LLBean properties, now called the Village Corridor TIF, that would provide an estimated \$650k yearly with 75% earmarked for capital improvements in the downtown area. The TIF extension next goes to the State for their approval. Additional TIFs are being discussed at the planning/council level. (Richardson)

- Flying Point construction project is out to bid, construction expected to start in the spring of 2026. (Gibson)

Committee members asked if there was any news regarding Jay Paulus and the wayfinding sign project, Director Richardson said he expected to see something from Jay early in the new year.

Committee members asked if there was any news regarding the Main Street RR bridge project. Director Gibson stated all was quiet on that front currently but expected he'd be hearing from MeDOT when they had something specific to share.

**New Business:** Police Chief Goodman forwarded an email to the committee from a resident on Prout Road concerned with speeding and what remedies might be available. As Chief Goodman was unable to attend this meeting and the citizen also was not present to discuss, it was decided to save the conversation for next month.

The committee extended its thanks to former Chair Barbara Guffin for her service.

**Adjournment:** Chair True adjourned the meeting at 8:35 a.m.

**Next Complete Streets Committee Meeting is Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 7:30 a.m.**