

PUBLIC WAYS SAFETY COMMITTEE

Daniel Senie, (Vice Chairman).....	2006
Beverly Mentzer.....	2006
Don Cole, (Chairman).....	2007
Barbara Bing.....	2007
Cia Ochsenbein.....	2007
Leslie Breeze.....	2008
Deborah Kellett.....	2008

The Public Ways Safety Committee was created in 2003 as an outgrowth of the Main Street Safety Task Group of 2002. Appointees have staggered terms of 3 years.

Bolton values it's winding, stone wall and tree-lined country roads, many of which have been designated "scenic roads" pursuant to state law and Town bylaw. Pedestrians, bicyclists, and horseback riders share our roads with increasing car and truck traffic. The shared use of our roads for all travelers is becoming increasingly important in safety and quality of life aspects.

The Public Ways Safety Committee is an advisory resource for the town. Working in conjunction with the Director of Public Works, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Ambulance Director, Tree Warden, Planning Board, Selectmen, and Town Administrator, the committee shall identify, investigate, and propose solutions to safety concerns throughout the town. This shall include, but not be limited to, the examination of:

- * existing motorized local, commuter, and trucking traffic patterns.
- * existing non-motorized transit patterns.
- * existing traffic accident documentation recorded by the police department.
- * excessive traffic volumes.
- * signage and regulatory markings.
- * traffic speed and traffic calming measures.
- * safety for pedestrians, bikers, and riders.
- * parking.
- * dangerous or problem sections of roadways or intersections.
- * emergency vehicle access.
- * impact of new development upon existing and planned transportation infrastructures.

The Public Ways Safety Committee consults with the Police Chief, Superintendent of Public Works, Fire Chief, Ambulance Director, Tree Warden, similar committees in neighboring and regional towns, MassHighway and/or any other governmental agency in gathering information prior to bringing a specific proposal to the Board of Selectmen.

The Committee reports to the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board at least one time per year and once in the Annual Town Report.

The Public Way Safety Committee's activities and recommendations in 2005 included:

- Installing of 4-way stops at Teele / Woobly / Long Hill roads.
- Negotiating pathway installation at Pondsider (Crystal Springs) development.
- Winning approval at Town Meeting for preparatory surveying and planning for pathway extension on Main Street east from center to Flatley property.
- Ongoing discussions with Nashoba Regional School District to improve high school traffic flow with adult guard, adding a flashing light, and/or other improvements.
- Meetings with other town boards and school representatives to discuss future improvements and the budgets to accommodate them.
- Responding to citizen inquiries and problems.

The committee currently meets the second and fourth Wednesday evenings at Town Hall. The meetings are open to the public.