

Town of Durham Complete Streets Committee Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 7:00 P.M. Durham Community Center room 1

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Minutes November 12, 2025

- 1. Call to Order & Roll Call:
 - a. Present: R. Anderson, M. Bisceglia, L. Bulion, M. Giardina
 - b. **Absent:** B. Jubelirer, C. O'Connell
- 2. **Approval of the Agenda**: L. Bulion asked to amend the agenda as follows: add a new "a" under New/Old Business "Resignation;" move 5a. "Main Street Walk to School Safety Concern communication" to between 5e and 5f. R. Anderson moved to approve. M. Bisceglia seconded. All approved
- 3. Public Comment (only pertaining to agenda items) None.
- 4. **Approval of August 20 Minutes**. M. Bisceglia moved. L. Bulion seconded. All approved.

5. New/Old Business

- a. Resignation: L. Bulion reported that Darlene Koziol submitted her resignation with regrets. L. Bulion noted the Complete Street Committee's deep appreciation of her expertise and contributions. The committee members will miss her.
- b. Trolley Trail multiuse path update: Jen Huddleston from Middlefield contacted L. Bulion to state that Middlefield is starting on their engineering study and asked which place Durham wants their trail to meet with Middlefield's. L. Bulion noted that at a meeting with R. Newton, Town Planner, B. Rea, First Selectman, and L. Bulion, Complete Streets, the connection with Middlefield was discussed. R. Newton, Town Planner, stated plan to explore options for a proposed spot on the Durham/Middlefield town line with the CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). L. Bulion shared that the grant application for DEEP is fairly simple. Also, she noted that there are steps that need to be taken before a grant can be submitted: a public survey needs to be conducted; letters of support required; easements to be obtained. R. Newton will provide support on the submission.
- c. **Traffic Cam update**: L. Bulion reported that the Board of Selectmen discussed the public information session on the traffic cameras at their meeting November 5 meeting. L. Bulion and R. Anderson attended via zoom. L. Bulion noted that the next steps for the traffic cams are as follows: BOS will discuss a draft ordinance for the cameras; a public



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hearing will be held to discuss the draft ordinance; the BOS will discuss the feedback from the public hearing; the BOS may make revisions to the ordinance; the BOS may hold another public hearing if needed; the BOS will finalize the ordinance; a town meeting will be scheduled to vote on the ordinance. At the November 5 meeting, the BOS also stated they are planning additional speed studies on 68 and 17, and they are talking to other vendors before deciding on a traffic cam company.

- d. Request to update Durham's Plan of Conservation and development with respect to Complete Streets and to attend a POCD Dec 3 **meeting**. L. Bulion reported that R. Newton, town planner sent Complete Streets a worksheet for the plan of conservation which was with all the CS committee members. L. Bulion requests that all members review and submit any questions or concerns before December 3. The worksheet also requested a list of significant victories and losses, and concerns for the next decade. The group discussed victories: completion of Main St. bike lane; improvements for walkers on Pickett Lane including completion of sidewalk to Main St., Bike Rodeo, inclusion of RFFBs in sidewalk project, consideration of traffic cams for the town including the completion of public survey on the traffic cams, and more. The group also discussed concerns for the next decade, the following: the need to finish the walking loop with a sidewalk on Maiden Lane from Main St. to the Community Center; in the interim complete striping on Maiden Lane to improve safety for pedestrians and other users; completion of bike decals to connect the bike route to Middletown; work on/complete the multi-use trail to connect Middlefield to Durham; consideration of providing parking support for people wanting to rideshare to work.
- e. **Need CSD rep for meeting of the Joint Boards and Commissions 11.17**. L. Bulion unable to attend. M. Giardina will attend on behalf of the Committee. Participation can be in person or on zoom.
- f. Main Street Walk to School Safety Concern communication: Tara Ehler, Durham resident was present to discuss concerns about safety for children walking to school along Main St. Initially, Ms. Ehler had proposed volunteer crossing guards, but now understands that crossing guards need to be employees of the school district for training and liability



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purposes. Ms. Ehler noted that safety was of particular concern on Main St. where it intersects with Maiden Lane. There is striping but because of the placement of the stop sign, cars have to move into the crosswalk to make a turn, and cars turning off Main Street onto Maiden are often driving very fast and are not mindful of the fact that there may be someone in the crosswalk. All present agreed this is a problem, and thanked Ms. Ehler for bringing this concern forward. She was encouraged to bring the concern directly to the BOS/local traffic authority and keep Complete Streets advised if this will be discussed by the BOS as an agenda item.

- g. **Meeting dates for next year 2026:** Agreed on the second Thursday of every month, except for the three summer months the committee will meet on the second Wednesday. Dates are as follows: January 8, February 12, March 12, April 9, May 14, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 10, October 8, November 12, December 10. Absent committee members will be asked to review these dates prior to final submission to the town.
- 6. Roundtable: No comment
- 7. Public Comment (open for agenda items and non-agenda items): None
- 8. Adjournment: 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca F. Anderson, Secretary November 17, 2025