

Summary of Transportation Topics

In 2020 many transportation related topics seemed to come to the forefront of discussion at the Selectboard. This document is an effort to compile all topics in one place with the aim of ultimately developing a plan to address each topic. This document includes the topics discussed at the Selectboard as well as items that the Transportation Committee is currently working on. I am sure there are other topics to add to the list and I look forward to expanding this list to cover everything.

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Speed Limits

Roads that have been discussed as candidates for a lower speed limit include:

- Hinesburg Rd.: In general and specifically in the area of Fay's Corners
- Huntington Rd.
- Cochran Rd.: The 45 mph portion
- Kenyon Rd.: The southern end
- Williams Hill Rd.
- Jericho Rd.
- Route 2 / West Main St.: A request has been submitted to the State to conduct a speed study on Rt. 2 from the town line with Williston to the bridge.
- There may also be a desire to look at speed limits in the Town as a whole

Overweight Vehicles

- Dugway Rd.: Dugway Rd. is excluded from use by overweight vehicles for the 2020-2021 permit. This road is currently closed to through traffic due to the washout. A decision needs to be made on if the exclusion will continue for the 2021-2022 permit season.
- Kenyon Rd.: There has been a request from a resident that Kenyon Rd. also be excluded from use by overweight vehicles.

Parking

- Village: Discussions have been ongoing with business owners in the Village regarding parking. Current inventory may need to be assessed and matched with current needs of businesses and residential properties. This assessment could be expanded to look at anticipated future needs.
- Volunteers' Green: While this could be considered as part of the Village it is broken out here because there has been an increase in parking in the summer of 2020 as Richmond saw more people looking for access to the Winooski River. The owners of Stone's Throw Pizza have also expressed concern about their parking area being used by non-customers. The Stone's Throw Pizza parking is to the right as you enter Volunteers' Green from Bridge St.
- Dugway Rd.: A focus on allowable parking in the Right of Way that can be used by people seeking to access the swimming areas on the Huntington River.
- Eastern End of Cochran Rd.: This area saw increased parking in the summer of 2020 as Richmond saw more people looking for access to the Winooski River. Discussions about this area should also include:
 - Richmond Land Trust in regards to Bombardier Meadow

- VTrans in regards to parking that may occur on Rt. 2.
- The Railroad in regards to parking that may be occurring in the Railroad Right of Way.
- Other roads in this area such as: Wes White Hill and Duxbury Rd.
- Town Owned Lot at 2614 Cochran Rd. Explore the pros and cons of converting this one acre lot into public parking.
- Canoe Access on Cochran Rd. There is currently a small parking area off the road by the trail and canoe access. Discussion of this lot will need to include the Richmond Land Trust. Cars also park on the road in this area.
- Trail Access: Discussion with Richmond Trails Committee regarding parking at trail heads.

Rt. 2 Paving and Bridge St. Traffic Signal

- The State intends to re-pave Rt. 2 at some point over the next couple of years. The exact date is TBD.
- The traffic signal at the intersection of Rt. 2 and Bridge St. should be addressed when the paving occurs. This will include advanced work and planning with the State.

Current Work of the Transportation Committee

- UPWP project – Bridge Street Complete Streets Upgrade
- UPWP project – Master Plan for Natural Surface Multi-Use Pedestrian and Bicycle Paths – northern half of town.