

Meeting of Committee on Shared and Safe Streets. 9/12/17 7-8pm

Present:

Mary Cornog, chair  
Val Van Meier  
Lee Colson  
Mare Anne Jarvela  
Dennis Dellagreca  
Richard Pratt  
Karen Tolman  
Mike Tarr  
Richard Anderson

Absent: Maury Collins, Selectman  
School Board representative

meeting began with discussion of our purpose and our connection to local and state and national levels of movements with the same objective—Complete Streets

Discussion followed concerning problems walkers have with rude drivers—and problems motorists have with walkers arrayed across roads  
Concentration in summer due to added seasonal visitors—speed tends to be faster coming into Nelson, slower going out  
Problem is town wide, from Granite Lake to Lake Nubanusit and points between

Need for traffic calming

Possible ways to accomplish this:

- Replace yield signs with stop signs
- Keep roads narrow
- Use artificial speed bumps that can be taken up in winter
- Note prominently distance motorist should allow between vehicle and pedestrian or bicyclist
- Note recommended speed vs: real speed—it's OK and important to slow down

(Danger of eventual 'sign blindness' of even important signs—drivers tend to ignore signs over time)

Barriers to speeding/rudeness:

- Post list of 'things to do around Nelson' and 'rules of the roads in Nelson' in rental cabins

Traffic calming—especially in center of town and in front of school

- Borrow/by/rent speed-measuring device, preferably one with camera
- Confer with Complete Streets contacts through Southwest Region Planning and NH State DOT for advice and help—funding available?

Meeting adjourned 8:03pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 26, 8pm, lower level of library  
Regular mts to be held every 4th Tuesday

Respectfully submitted,

Mary w. Cornog, chair