

Public Safety Sidewalk Possibilities

A walking tour

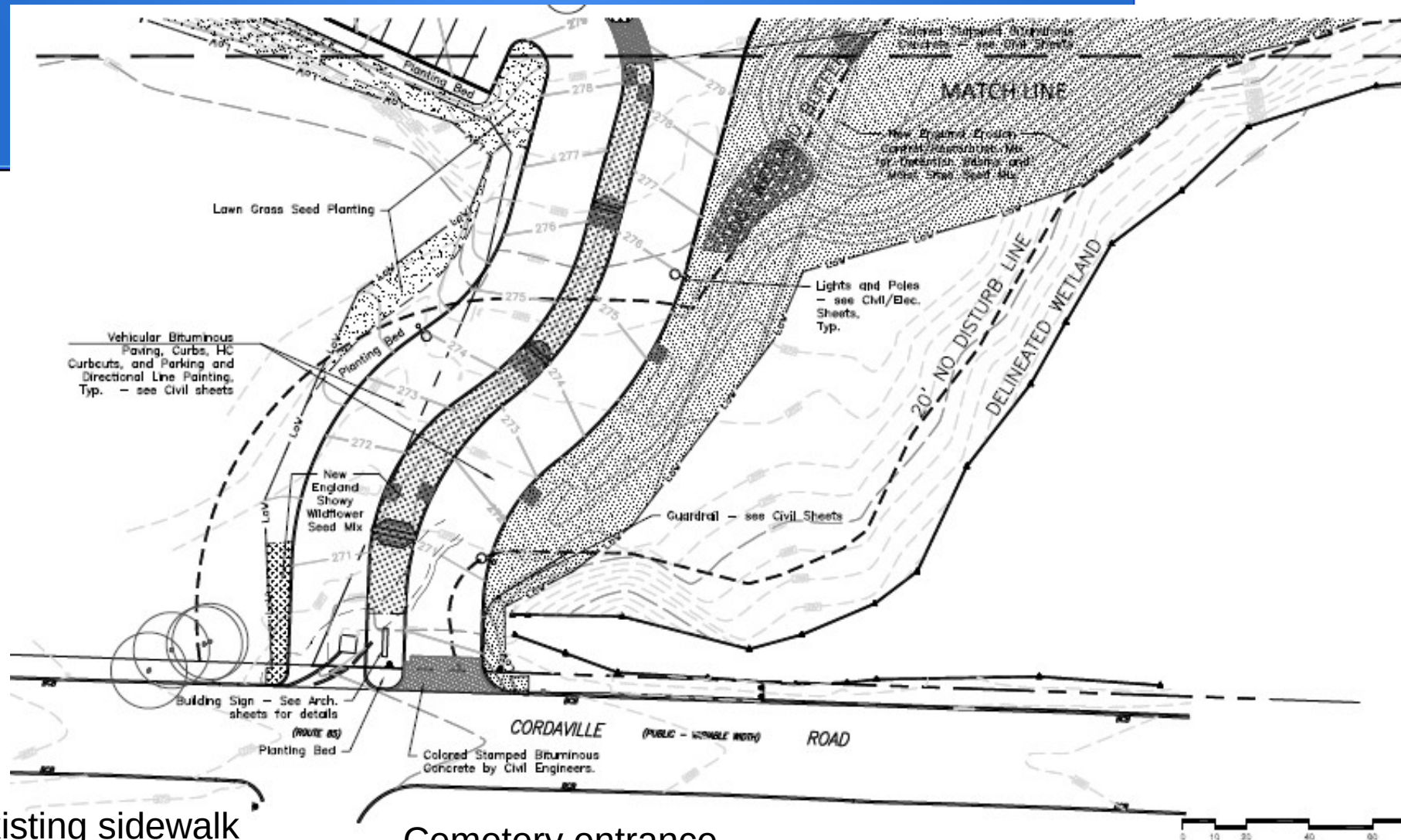
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Background

- Public safety building not accessible to pedestrians
- Excludes youth, disabled, other non-drivers
 - Building and services should be accessible to community
- How we got here is not important – this is **not** a blame game.
- PSBC asked “What do you propose?”
 - I’ve investigated, informally – these are the results.
 - Spoiler: providing access seems feasible to me
 - Direct route: left side of drive
 - Extend sidewalk on E side of Choate field
 - Cross from cemetery entrance
 - Indirect route: Extend sidewalk up Woodward drive, through bus gate



Existing sidewalk

Cemetery entrance

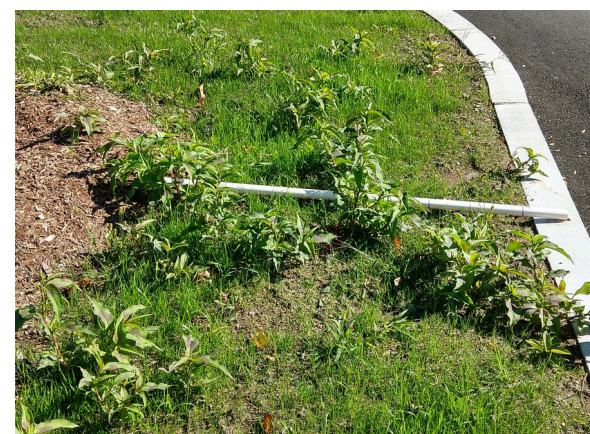
Observations

- Wetland is to right of drive – none on left side
- Planting bed on left (North) is where sidewalk belongs
- Space exists to move bed to left
- Few obstacles to sidewalk on East side of street
- Sidewalk exists on West side – ends opposite PSB
- Sidewalk mostly exists through Woodward
 - None from entrance to drive to top of Choate
 - Long route – would school want traffic? Signage? Cut fence.
- Photos on following slides illustrate
- Measuring stick shows 3' (bare minimum) & 4' (ADA) widths
- Not architect or civil engineer...
- Schematics of options follow tour

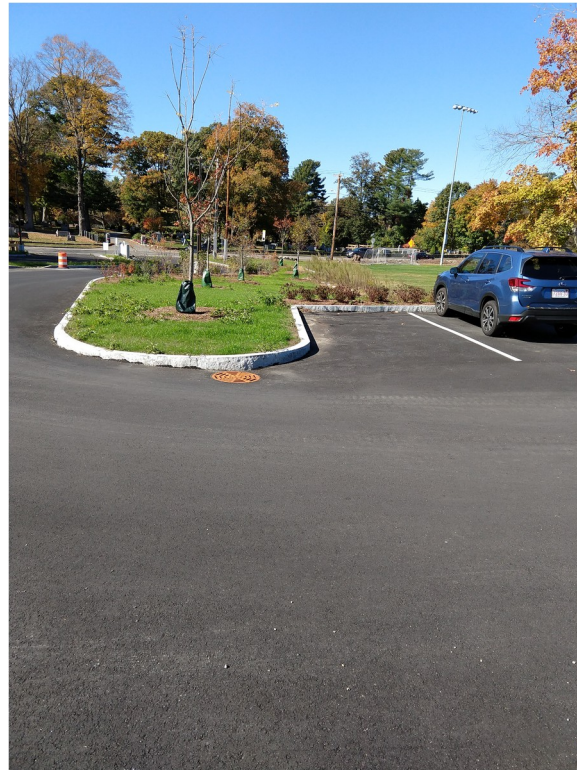
Overview – Left side



Walking drive (left side), min clearances



Head of drive – opposite existing sidewalk



Existing sidewalk



Woodward – bus gate to street



Foot of drive, street (East side)



Street (East side)



Street (East side)



West (cemetery) side of street



Option Schematics

- Notional sketches
- Not to scale, approximate placements
- Major features only – much elided for clarity
 - And because I don't have surveyor's tools (or skills)
- As usual, there are trade-offs
 - All appear to be feasible
 - In order of my ranking
- I may be unaware of plans/issues that would impact choice

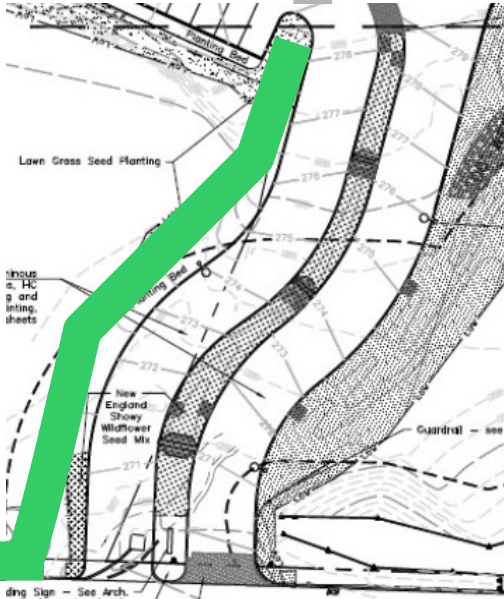
Option 1

Existing walk
New walk
Crosswalk

Woodward

Public Safety

Choate Field



- Extend East side sidewalk
- Direct route
- Connects to existing PSB sidewalks
- Access to field - option

Cemetery

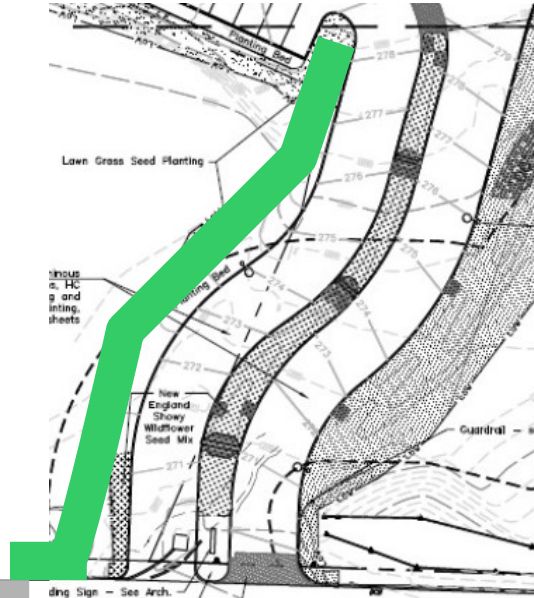
Option 2

Existing walk
New walk
Crosswalk

Woodward

Public Safety

Choate Field



- Use west side sidewalk
- Crosswalk on Cordaville
- Can move North to clear turning vehicles
- More disruptive

Senior Center

Cemetery

Option 3

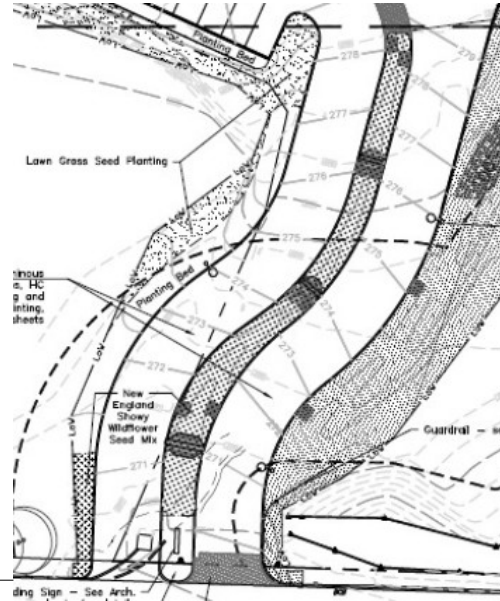
Existing walk
New walk
Crosswalk

Woodward

Fence/bus gate

Public Safety

Choate Field



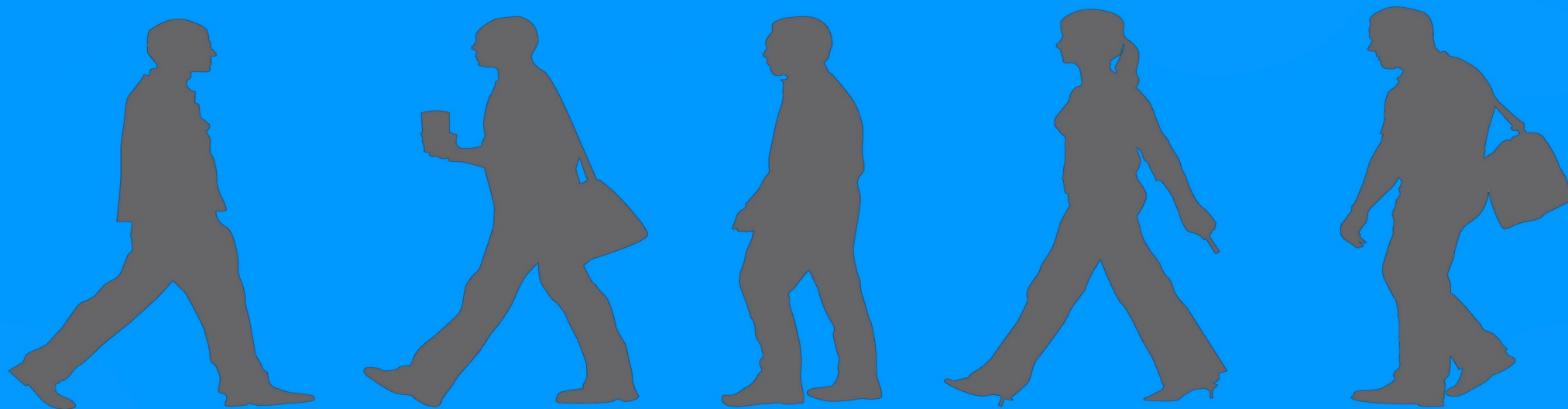
- Long route
- Complete Woodward drive sidewalk
- Crosswalk to nowhere exists
- Field access
- Cuthru fence @bus gate
- Crosses road to golf
- Signage problematic
- School may oppose

Senior Center

Cemetery

Summary

- All community members should have access to services
 - Pedestrian access for youth, disabled, non-drivers
 - There appear to be feasible options to provide it
- Supports “Complete Streets” program & planning goals
- The resources to execute are available now
 - Costs & difficulty increase with delay
- Ties in to Main St. and Cordaville Rd. projects
 - Also providing sidewalks



Thanks for your time

