

Community Park RR Crossing Committee Minutes - August 3, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm by Councilor Caleb Hemphill.

Roll Call

Committee Members present: Caleb Hemphill (Council Liaison), Lucky D'Ascanio (Staff Liaison), Nathan Poore (Town Manager), Dave Gagnon, Daniel Pearl, Justin Beauregard. Al Palmer (Gorrill & Palmer) and Jamie Mason (Town Engineer) were also present.

Summary Minutes

Al Palmer, of Gorrill-Palmer Consulting Engineers, presented a memo concerning conceptual plans for an aerial crossing with the assumption that the approaches need not be ADA compliant citing the River Point Bridge project as basis. Discussion included requesting Lucky to consult the Town Attorney for her opinion regarding ADA compliance and for staff to research grant funding possibilities.

Discussion about "bridge users" with regard to alternatives to the approaches including stairs or switchbacks (The preliminary concept calls out 16% grade approaches) took place focusing on snowmobiles with no conclusion. Discussion to continue at next meeting.

Alternative crossing options were brought up by the Town Engineer that included upgrading Field Road and/or Falmouth Road to include sidewalks or wider shoulders and a possible pedestrian bridge on the outside of existing bridges.

Next Meeting: September 8, 2015 at 4:00pm Town Hall