



Route 100 Committee

Wednesday, August 26, 2015

Minutes

Committee/Staff Attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Sarah Boudreau	√	Eydie Pryzant	√	Joe McDonnell	√
Andrea Ferrante	√	Rebecca Grover	√	Steve Melchiskey	-
Charlie McBrady, Council Liaison	-	Lori Legere	√	Jim Thibodeau, LPAC Liaison	-
Theo Holtwijk, Staff	√	Nathan Poore, staff	-	Mark Debowski, FST	√

Others present: -

The meeting was started at 6:00 PM.

1. Review of Draft Minutes of May 6, 2015 meeting

The draft minutes of the May 6, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

2. FST Consultant

Mark Debowski of FST introduced himself and committee members did the same. Mark will act as project manager for this part of the project. He said he was very excited to work with the committee on this project.

3. Review Schedule

Theo reviewed the schedule and noted that some changes needed to be made due to holidays and member availability. The committee discussed a few possible dates. Theo will circulate an updated schedule and ask for everyone to respond with their availability, so a quorum could be assured at each meeting.

4. Review Proposed Plans for Public Outreach

Theo and Mark explained the proposed plan for public outreach. Two public forums are planned, and a door to door visit of properties where changes are proposed. The Town will send a letter and use its e-mail list and website as well as The Forecaster. Mark reported that he has done this with Lebanon, NH with a 50% success rate. There was also a discussion how to reach tenants. A request will be made to landlords to pass on the project information to their tenants.

Theo requested that committee members help spread the word and continue to act as the eyes and ears for the project to make sure that any comments and concerns they heard are passed back to Mark and Theo. In response to Joe's question about properties north of Hurricane Road, a special letter will be sent to those property owners, but no door to door visits will be made.

Lori asked about Joe Cooper's status on the committee. Theo reported that Joe and his family had moved to Boulder, Colorado, but that he planned to retain his Portland North Business Park

property. Theo will ask Luc Walker of Rich Exterior Solutions if he is interested to replace Anne Theriault as FEIC Liaison as Anne had resigned last May.

Andrea asked when right-of-way impacts will be known as that was a concern with residents. Mark responded that that will be known before he does his door to door outreach in October.

Eydie said that a comment she has heard was what the Town was spending \$10M on. The committee felt that that needed to be made clear at every step of the process and that it should be emphasized that most of the cost is for maintenance of deteriorated infrastructure.

The committee was OK with the proposed approach and felt it was important to give people an opportunity to express themselves about the project.

5. Discuss Design Options

Mark presented a Powerpoint presentation with some design issues on which he wanted feedback. The first one was the suggestion to consider a roundabout at the Leighton Road intersection. Mark felt that a roundabout would cost \$1.7M versus \$800-900K for turn lanes and traffic signals. The committee discussed pedestrian and bicycle access for a roundabout, how far traffic may back up with traffic signals, and potential layout and right of way impacts. Sarah was not in favor of a roundabout and felt that too much emphasis was given to car mobility versus bicycle and pedestrian access. Eydie noted that there were two kinds of roundabouts. The committee discussed where existing examples of roundabouts are located. Theo asked if FST should be asked to further investigate the roundabout option. The committee concluded “yes.”

The committee discussed guardrail and sidewalk locations and options near West Falmouth Crossing as there is a steep slope there. The committee felt that traffic lanes could be narrowed to 11 feet and shoulders to 5 feet in order to minimize or avoid the need for any retaining walls.

For sidewalk paving (asphalt or concrete) and curbing material (asphalt or granite) the committee wanted to know what the Vision plan had budgeted and what the preference of the Public Works Director was. The committee was willing to consider a different approach for Route 100 versus the side streets.

Mark made the committee aware that right of way impacts cannot be avoided between Leighton Road and Libby Bridge. This most typically will be earth grading to meet the existing grade which can be higher or lower than the adjacent road or sidewalk. Theo noted that it was important to avoid any major tree removal.

The committee discussed lighting options. It was interested in using the pedestrian light fixture utilized in the Route 1 infrastructure project. As wooden street light poles will be maintained on Route 100, it may not be appropriate to use the Route 1 street light fixtures. Currently these poles have Cobra head lights and are not evenly spaced. Andrea was interested to find out what the cost was if there were evenly spaced street lights between Leighton and Mountain Road.

Mark wanted to know if the committee wanted to do any culvert replacement north of Libby Bridge as that section had just been repaved by MaineDOT. Mark was referred to Jon Edgerton of Wright Pierce as he had investigated the condition of all culverts and had recommended a

number of replacements. It was unclear if any culverts north of Libby Bridge were included. The committee felt it was important to learn what the need was before making any decisions.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be September 16, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Draft minutes prepared by Theo Holtwijk, August 28, 2015