



Route 100 Committee

Wednesday, October 28, 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 October 14, 2015 meeting

The draft minutes of the October 14, 2015 meeting were approved as written.

2. Report on Abutter Outreach by FST

Mark reported that to date he had conducted 22 meetings with property owners. All went very positive. Owners seem happy and had sensible feedback. He discussed trees that may have to be cut down, relocation of mailboxes and drainage issues. People are excited about the project, he said. High car speeds are a concern. People think that the proposed sidewalk is a great idea. On the stretch from Winslow Farm north Mark heard about ledge and drainage concerns.

Mark also discussed some specific cases such as the apartment building near Mountain Road intersection. Nathan stated again that his brother owns the abutting property there and that does not want to be part of any conversation concerning that. It was agreed that at some sites details on parking had to be worked out. The committee was somewhat concerned about costs involved with that. Another site that will need special attention is Harmon's.

3. Update on MaineDOT Review

Theo reported that the meeting with the MaineDOT Commissioner had been scheduled for the following day, October 29. He presented the most current cost estimate which stands at \$15M and the approach that the Town plans to take with the commissioner. It is most likely that the project will have to be significantly scaled back, most likely by not doing any work on the section from Winslow Farm north, but possibly by cutting even more.

Eydie asked what item 3D "stone welcome walls" represented. Nathan explained that this was an idea for Route 1 but had been cut out of the budget. He said something exists at the entrance to the Haigis Parkway in Scarborough. The committee also asked which item included the cost of the aquatic crossing. This is included in item 3.

Theo walked the committee through the financial spreadsheets that explained how the tax increment financing worked. Expenses for other projects are included as well and various financial assumptions (such as valuation change, tax rate change, and interest rate) are made through 2030. Positive balances must be maintained for each year. A \$15AM project will not be possible without significant MaineDOT assistance.

The committee discussed what a scaled back project meant for the future of the road. Most likely it means that MaineDOT will continue to do thin overlay pavement on the section from Winslow Farm north and avoid doing road reconstruction and culvert replacements in that area for as long as possible. The committee was very disappointed but understood the financial reality.

There was a discussion on the public sewer component. The entire West Falmouth Sewer System is currently being studied by Wright-Pierce. Additional downstream costs are likely for the Route 100 piece and other programs may be required to fund the sewer component.

The committee discussed the possibility of doing the entire project in two phases.

Theo mentioned the tree removals involved with the plan. He and Mark drove the corridor recently and his impression was that the removal of many large trees was significant. He explained that this was due to the inclusion of bike lanes, sidewalk, and esplanade, which pushes required grading work onto private property. He wanted to be sure that the committee knew what to expect and that he requested that Mark prepare a plan to show where the major impacts are likely to be. He said it was good to know what the trade offs were and be prepared of what others may think or say when that occurs.

4. Next Meeting

The committee agreed not to meet on November 4. The next meeting is November 18 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Draft minutes prepared by Theo Holtwijk, October 16, 2015