

Route 100 Committee

Monday, December 5, 2016

Minutes

Committee/Staff Attendance:

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

Others present: Keith Smith (TJDW), Anne Johnson (Summit Natural Gas)

The meeting was started at 5:30 PM.

1. Review Route 100 Project Update

Theo and Mark reviewed the work that had taken place since the committee had last met. The shared access at the Hothem property and Harmon's and the relocation of the crosswalk from Mill Road northward was discussed. The sewer pumping station location options and approach to sewer construction were mentioned. Borings have been done at various locations to confirm subsurface conditions. The Council needs to decide if all aspects of the sewer will be done at the same time. At a minimum the sewer lines will be installed in the road. The pumping station may be built at a later date pending user demand. CMP and MaineDOT require more time for their respective work and that is unfortunately delaying the start of the project.

A proposed subdivision for the Hothem site has led the Town to propose to pursue a concept plan for the West Falmouth neighborhood. Theo shared a letter that had been sent to the affected property owners. It explained the purpose of this effort and the opportunity. The committee would be asked to weigh in on the draft plan when it is available. Joe asked if this plan would potentially hold up the infrastructure project. Theo said that that would not be the case as the concept plan is expected to be completed this winter.

2. Review Design Options for Landscaping and Lighting

The committee reviewed the options for lighting and landscaping. Keith had prepared a memo and various handouts.

Banners will not be installed on the pedestrian lights, but flags are an option. The committee reviewed various fixture options and was wondering if it could mix fixture types. Mixing types was not recommended due to cost and appearance. All fixtures have cut-off luminaires. Maintenance of these lights will be the responsibility of the Town. The committee stated a preference for either the Route 1 New Construction lights or the Clearwater Drive lights.

Next, the committee reviewed proposed landscaping and how far back it would be placed from the road. Aspects of various trees were discussed. Andrea felt that tree placement was important, especially with small properties. No large trees should be planted there. Eydie was wondering if the canopy effect as depicted in one of the sample pictures would be achieved.

There was a discussed about elm trees and if the moisture in the spoil would be a problem. In conclusion, the committee felt that all of the suggested tree species were OK to use, but that red oaks should be used in selected areas only.

The committee then discussed the treatment of the landscaped island at the Irving gas station. Sarah suggested that Dogwoods may need wind protection and that Hawthorns may be tougher in that situation. The island is proposed to be 10 feet wide. There was a discussion if different plantings in the narrow part of the strip should be separated with cobble stones. The committee's conclusion was to reduce the number of trees in the island by two, and to have a continuous strip of Nepeta on the southerly, narrow end, and another large bed on the northern end.

Lastly, the committee reviewed proposed landscaping around the pumping station. The only suggestion was to consider using Amelanchier.

Mark and Keith will incorporate these suggestions into the plans and will come back with more specific proposals.

3. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Draft minutes prepared by Theo Holtwijk, January 6, 2017