Route 100 Committee



Tuesday, November 19, 2014 Minutes

Committee/Staff Attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Sarah Boudreau	٧	Chuck Gerry	-	Dave Libby	-
Joe Cooper	-	Rebecca Grover	V	Joe McDonnell	٧
Andrea Ferrante	٧	Lori Legere	-	Steve Melchiskey	٧
Charlie McBrady, Council Liaison	-	Anne Theriault, FEIC Liaison	-	Jim Thibodeau, LPAC Liaison	-
Theo Holtwijk, Staff	V				

Others present: Tom Farmer, Mike Harmon, Al Mazerolle

Andrea called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

1. Review of Draft Minutes of October 8 and 22 meetings

The draft minutes of October 8 and 22 were approved as written.

2. Discuss Outreach Feedback

Theo reviewed the feedback handouts he prepared from the surveys and the forum. A total of 91 surveys were completed, of which 64 came in on-line (70%). All committee members were encouraged to spend some time reviewing the results as there is a lot of information shared about intersections, agriculture, pedestrian safety, etc.

Committee members commented on their experiences. Andrea stated she loved the feedback and was not surprised with the feedback that was obtained. She noted that it was interesting to realize how important agriculture was to some people. Sarah was pleased with the attendance at the forum and liked the comments that Steve had made in his follow-up e-mail. She was wondering about road and sidewalk maintenance costs. Rebecca felt the attendance at the forum was great and noted the top issues of traffic and intersection fixes, the need to develop in the right places, and bicycle and pedestrian connectivity. It was clarified that the old county road is now all private property. Rebecca felt that the overall issue was safety. Joe noted that he expected the intersection needs to be a top ranked issues, along with bicycle and pedestrian improvements. He was surprised by the number of comments regarding open space, parks, and river access. He felt that was commercial development seemed OK, but needed to be attractive. He stated that in his discussion group people needed to vent about problems, which did not lead to as many positive suggestions and he had hoped. He was disappointed by that. Steve felt that there was a consensus on issues. He thought that the public was most confused on commercial development and what that means. He thought that it would be helpful to tell people what is currently allowed by the Town. He felt it was important to be clear what commercial development might look like.

3. Discuss Consultant Scope of Work

Tom reviewed the work that was projected for the next two meetings. He explained that one of the consultant's tasks is to look closer at zoning and at built-out potential. They will also review the prior plan from MaineDOT with the committee.

Theo stated that the comprehensive plan was a big guide for this project. The plan encourages growing in the growth area, which was the southern portion of Route 100 and not in the northern, rural area. The committee reviewed the consultant's scope of work. Theo noted that the public meeting task will need to be updated since the first forum was already conducted. Theo and Tom will prepare an updated schedule for the project. Andrea asked if preparation of presentations for the Council is included in the consultant's scope. Tom said yes, and Theo added that staff is also prepared to assist the committee with that.

Various possibilities for traffic and land use will be developed by the consultant and reviewed with the committee. Cross sections will be prepared to show what may be possible within the right-of-way. It was noted by the committee that storm drainage is an issue that will also need to be looked at by the consultant.

4. Next Steps

At the next meeting the committee will review an updated schedule and begin to review existing zoning in the area. The committee's meeting schedule was laid for out the winter in the hopes that this will make it easier for all committee members and liaisons to attend. Committee Meetings from 6:00 to 7:30 PM are currently scheduled for:

December 3 December 17 January 14 January 28 February 11 February 25 March 11 March 25 April 8 April 22

5. Other Business/Public Comment

Alan Mazerolle suggested that the committee focus on improving road infrastructure and expanding sanitary sewer in the area.

Mike Harmon concurred on the sewer and said that in his case he could not absorb a \$35K cost for that. He also felt that stormwater runoff is an issue.

6. Next Meeting

Next meeting is December 3, 2014 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Draft minutes prepared by Theo Holtwijk, October 26, 2014