



Route 1 North Committee

Meeting Minutes Monday, March 6, 2017

Arthur Batson	✓	Laurie Leonard	✓	Laurie Leonard	✓
Paul Burlin	✓	Steve Woods	✓	Nathan Poore, Town Manager	✓
Nicole Favreau, Vice Chair	✓	Jay Trickett	✓	Theo Holtwijk, Director of Long Range Planning	-
Dava Davin	-	Charlie McBrady, Council Liaison	✓	Geoffrey Morrison-Logan	✓
Chris Wasileski, Chair	✓	David Woodward, VHB	✓	Stephen Thomas	✓

Others attending the meeting: Tommy Johnson, John Marr, Pete McCormick

Chris Wasileski opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

1. Review of Draft Minutes of February 6, 2017 Meeting

Laurie Leonard moved the minutes be approved with Nicole Favreau second. There was no discussion and the motion passed 4-0-1 (Trickett abstain and Woods arrived late).

****The Committee adjusted the agenda to move switch the order of agenda items 2 and 3. These minutes reflect the order of business as it occurred at the meeting.**

Chris then introduced new committee member, Jay Trickett. Mr. Trickett informed the committee that he is an attorney and has experience representing developer and property owners. He wants to be involved with how Route 1 North will evolve.

2. Review of Draft Recommendations

David Woodward offered a PowerPoint presentation. The presentation included all aspects of the study area including traffic, lane configuration, land uses, bike/ped, aesthetics, conservation, recreation, etc.

Committee members, public, property owners, staff, consultants offered the following input:

(Laurie Leonard) Thought needs to be put into the benefit and cost of a third lane. Laurie Leonard expressed some reservation for the need of a third lane.

(Nicole Favreau) There appears to be a chicken and the egg situation with regard to a third lane. Do we build it for development? Why not have development participate if development occurs?

(Chris Wasileski) Future public improvements (adding a third lane) may be dictated by future development. Islands can be good gateways and traffic calming tools.

(Steve Woods) Question about whether road improvements would happen outside the ROW. Nathan Poore indicated that it was unlikely but could happen if necessary and based on agreements with private property owners.

(Chris Wasileski) We need property owner feedback at the next public forum regarding the vision.

(Nicole Favreau) Asked for confirmation that this effort is compatible with the other more regional street scape study. Nathan Poore offered confirmation.

(Art Batson) There was concern that the trail, sidewalks or multi-use paths not dead-end and should only be built if they connect to other systems.

(Resident and Falmouth Land Trust member Tommy Johnson) He appreciates the proposed trail systems.

(Jay Trickett) There was question about what a multi-use pathway entails. Staff and consultants described it as a wide enough path to accommodate walkers, joggers, and less experience cyclists while more experienced cyclists would use bike lanes next to the vehicle travel lanes.

(Jay Trickett) There was a question about what control the state and town have with various aspects of the design. Staff indicated that speed limits and some elements of roadway design are within the jurisdiction of MaineDOT while other aspects are local decisions.

(Art Batson) One benefit of this project is that it is near the access points to I95 and I295. It is easy to get in an out of these areas. We should not try to replicate Route 1 South. Primary use of this area should be for business.

(Nathan Poore) Asked the Committee if it was interested in looking at a 2 lane option. Committee members agreed and requested VHB to submit this option with input from TY Lin.

(Steve Woods) Suggestion to have the final report offer zoning guidance rather than specifics.

The consultant indicated that perhaps residential development would be better in Route One South where it is closer to services and village style businesses.

3. Discussion with Invited Major Property Owners

Property owner John Marr said that he is looking at a similar development pattern for his property as what was presented this evening – business on Route One and possibly residential in the rear of his property. He indicated his desire to maintain the current trail system. He hopes this area does grow. While he does not have specific plans for development at this time, he is very interested in the Town's vision. He indicated that he does not intend to over utilize the property.

Resident Pete McCormick stated that he is a runner and likes to run in trails. He is happy there may still be room for some residential development in this area. He also expressed appreciation for controlled crosswalks and overall improvements to bike/ped accommodations.

4. Next Steps

The next meeting will be on March 20th at 6:30 PM.

The public forum will be on April 6th at 7:00 PM.

The Committee will also meet on April 19th at 6:30 PM.

The Committee will give a full report to the Town Council on May 22 at 7:00 PM.

5. Other Business

No other business.

6. Next Meeting

March 20th at 6:30 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Draft minutes by Nathan Poore