



Route 1 North Committee

Meeting Minutes Tuesday, April 25, 2017

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

Others attending the meeting: -

Chris Wasileski opened the meeting at 8:55 PM.

1. Review of Draft Minutes of April 19, 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting were approved unanimously as written.

2. Provide Direction to VHB on Final Recommendations

This meeting immediately followed the Public Forum that was held to discuss the committee's draft recommendations. The purpose of this meeting is to provide direction to the consultant on the final recommendations.

The committee agreed that residential use could be included on site #4 south of Johnson Road.

The committee was split on the area north of Johnson Road. The committee considered if a allowing contract zoning there made sense. That tool only works if the underlying zone allows the proposed use, so that does not address the committee's concern.

Paul stated he was comfortable with no residential use in the area north of Johnson Road and west of Route 1.

Steve Thomas commented on the risk profile for senior housing. According to RKG that was considered low. However, he stated, if such a project is not successful then the risk transfers to others as well as the Town. He suggested that there could be better sites found for senior housing in Falmouth.

Art felt that residential use on a portion of site #5 could enhance the technology component of that site and area. He believed this was low hanging fruit and represented a practical approach.

Steve Thomas stated that he saw that site very differently due to the road noise from Interstate 295 and that being on the ridge on that site did not feel the same scale as some of the other sites in the area.

Chris wondered if a minority report could be issued.

Nicole suggested that perhaps Town financial commitment could help realize the technology vision.

Nathan replied that there could be a potential public-private partnership consideration to help realize a technology park.

Chris, Steve, Dava, Nicole, and Paul felt that no residential use should be recommended for site #5. Art disagreed with that recommendation. The committee noted that Laurie, while not present at the meeting, felt the same way as Art. The committee agreed that this minority position should be reflected in the draft final report.

There was consensus on the other draft recommendations that had been presented to the public.

As next step VHB will prepare a draft report. The committee will receive that prior to the meeting on May 15. At that meeting the committee will be asked to any final changes to the report and recommend it to the Council.

The committee's recommendations will be presented to the Council on May 22 at 7:00 PM.

3. Other Business

There was no other business.

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on May 15th at 6:30 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

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