



Route 100 Committee

Wednesday, May 6, 2015

Minutes

Committee/Staff Attendance:

Name	Present	Name	Present	Name	Present
Sarah Boudreau	√	Eydie Pryzant	√	Joe McDonnell	√
Joe Cooper	-	Rebecca Grover	√	Steve Melchiskey	√
Andrea Ferrante	√	Lori Legere	√	Jim Thibodeau, LPAC Liaison	-
Charlie McBrady, Council Liaison	-	Anne Theriault, FEIC Liaison	-	Jon Edgerton, Wright-Pierce	√
Theo Holtwijk, Staff	√	Nathan Poore, staff	√	Tom Farmer, Wright-Pierce	√

Others present: -

The meeting was started at 6:03 PM.

1. Review of Draft Minutes of April 15, 2015 meeting

The draft minutes of the April 15, 2015 meeting were approved as written after correction of a typo on page 2, third paragraph, sixth line "Theo."

2. Review Draft Vision Report

There was a discussion on the schedule. Nathan said the Council was willing to hold a special meeting on May 20 to discuss the report. The Council would on a subsequent meeting (5/27) be asked to authorize enough engineering to bring the project to the voters in June 2016.

The committee reviewed the draft report. There was a discussion on the cost by category break down on page 26 and whether some would find the "additional bicycle-pedestrian improvements" amount too low or too high. Some bicycle-pedestrian expenses are included in the roadway category. The committee decided to leave the language as is.

Nathan reported that he met with the MaineDOT commissioner and received favorable support for the Route 100 project.

Eydie suggested that the colors in the illustration on page 14 be explained. Tom will do that. Jon added that these were standard colors for the improvements indicated.

Rebecca suggested being consistent throughout the text in stating "MaineDOT" and to explain on page 13 what "MTA" stands for. She suggested removing the reference to Danville, Vermont as that might be confusing to some.

Andrea felt that the report was well done, but was missing "heart." She felt that this could be addressed by adding one or two sentences.

There was a discussion what the committee's role could be at the time of the Voter Referendum. Steve cautioned the group to not position this project as the "poor side" versus the Foreside. He felt that it was critical to figure out how to get the community to talk positively about the project to others. He felt that the Route 100 project would help to make a solid community all around. He said that in time more thought should be given to the tone and approach of the Route 100 message.

Eydie asked how soon the Town would be able to know how much money the MaineDOT may be able and willing to contribute to the project. This will be pursued over the next few months once a view of overall spending is obtained, said Nathan Poore.

Joe stated that he was surprised that there had not been a pushback on the cost of the project. A comparison was made with the Route 1 project, where expenses had been increased due to community input.

Nathan stated his pleasure working with the Route 100 committee.

Lori and Theo had communicated about the need to review additional accident reports. Theo reported what he had been able to find out from Tom Errico and Chief Tolan. Lori stated that no further review was needed.

Eydie asked if a poster campaign would be needed. A discussion of a possible role of individual members in promoting the project followed.

Upon a motion from Eydie and second from Joe, the committee voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend the draft vision report to the Town Council.

3. Next Steps

Tom and Theo will make some minor text changes that will not affect the content of the report. The report will then be sent to the Town Council. (Afterwards, Andrea drafted a cover letter that was included with the report.)

4. Other Business

There was no other business.

5. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the Town Council discussion on May 20, 2015 at 6:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Draft minutes prepared by Theo Holtwijk, May 18, 2015