

**The Route 156 Bike Way and Sound View Improvements Committee**  
**Unapproved Minutes of August 3, 2015 4:30 PM Memorial Town Hall, Old Lyme, CT**

**Members Present** Mary Jo Nosal, Frank Pappalardo, Skip Sibley, Bonnie Reemsnyder, John McDonald, Angelo Faenza  
Guest to be conferenced in: David Head of VHB

**Welcome** A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 4:35 PM

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion** by Frank and seconded by Mary Jo, to approve the minutes of 7/7/15. Discussion- Angelo Faenza was excused. The amended motion passed with this amendment.

**Motion** by Bonnie and seconded by Angelo, to approve the minutes of 7/27/15. Discussion-Jim Lampos requested via email, that the following (underlined) comments be added to the minutes.

Original-In response to a comment regarding the bus ordinance, which precludes buses in Sound View, Bonnie noted there were other transportation modes not being supported; Jim noted there is a bus route stop on 156 and Portland Ave. but school buses do not travel on the roads in Sound View.

Amended-Jim noted that 9-Town Transit, a public bus service, provides daily service along RT 156 and stops at Sound View. The buses are equipped with bike racks for intermodal use. The school buses do not travel on the roads in Sound View as they are too narrow to negotiate safely.

Bonnie motioned to amend her motion of approval to approve the minutes with the requested amendment. John seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Update from VHB**

- The committee discussion on the preliminary design exceeded David's availability so he was not conferenced in.
- Mary Jo informed the committee that they and VHB should receive the Preliminary Design report from BSC Group within the day.

**Preliminary Design Meeting Discussion**

• David Head previously requested that the committee post the community feedback received following the June 30<sup>th</sup> Preliminary Design Informational Meeting to the town web site along with a general overview of the comments. The draft of this overview was reviewed and the committee will provide their revisions.

• There was consensus to provide more of a project overview and lay out the reasons the committee recommended moving forward with the bike way and streetscape initially vs the project as conceptually envisioned. The reasons will be expanded upon to include the higher than anticipated costs based on the Engineer's "Opinion of Probable Cost" and the DOT requirement of a 25% adder for incidentals, the high cost of building a safe restroom facility in the poor soil conditions and the fact that we lack a sanitary line for restrooms. The committee therefore recommended efficiently utilizing the limited intermodal transportation grant for the bike way and for the safer and aesthetically pleasing streetscape, which includes pedestrian friendly compliant sidewalks and crosswalks, bump-outs and lighting.

• The committee provided similar feedback to Bonnie on the ConnDot process requirement for a post preliminary design meeting letter of project support from the town.

**Next Meeting:** There was consensus meet following approval of the Preliminary Design Plan by ConnDot.

**Motion:** To adjourn at 5:51PM, was made by John and seconded by Frank. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Nosal, Acting Clerk 08-04-15