

**Route 156 Bike Way and Sound View Improvements Committee
Unapproved Minutes from Meeting of January 13, 2015 5:00PM
Memorial Town Hall, Old Lyme, CT**

Present: Frank Pappalardo; Angelo Faenza; Jim Lampos; Mary Jo Nosal; Rob Haramut from RiverCOG; John MacDonald, and Bonnie Reemsnyder, First Selectwoman-joined at 5:50PM and did not vote on any motions. Excused: Skip Sibley. Guests: Kurt Prochorena, and Will Walter of BSC Group; Community members: Joanne Lishing, and Lenny Cordo.

Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM

Approval of Minutes

Motion: To approve the meeting minutes of 12/15/14, motioned by Angelo and seconded by John. There was no discussion and motion passed unanimously 6-0-0.

Preliminary Design

Update by BSC:

- The Committee was informed that BSC is beyond the 35% design requirement for the public Informational Meeting. He and Will brought the initial set of plans for the engineering discussion.
- BSC would appreciate feedback on the “likes” or “dislikes” of landscape options from members by next meeting so costs could be analyzed. The preliminary design will be submitted to CTDOT following the March meeting.
- TestCon (geotech firm), report due by next meeting. No anomalies expected and the soil is as thought, poor quality and peat.
- Rest Room Design – BSC will request the architect, Nina Peck, to provide an updated sketch per the Committee’s suggestions provided to our next meeting. There was consensus to continue planning for the restroom only. The WPCA was meeting to discuss the wastewater project that evening.
- CTDOT-David Head is trying to reschedule the meeting with CT DOT, VHB and BSC Group regarding the flood certification and storm water management permits. Additionally, BSC is waiting on the signed DBE from CTDOT. Mary Jo agreed to follow up with David upon his return.
- BSC Group will populate a list of Town Boards/Commissions for scheduling necessary meetings for the next meeting.
- Frank will discuss the management of the Sound View Park with the Sound View Commission.

Hartford Av Grading:

- Curb Cut Uniformity – BSC to research Old Lyme curb cut standards/requirements and apply them to the design. All curb cuts should be uniform and conform to standards. Furthermore, each affected owner should be sent an 8.5x11 drawing depicting the proposed modification to their curb cut.
- Reduction of Sidewalk Width – the current design incorporates 8’ sidewalk widths on both sides of the road. Due to excessive existing road cross slopes, this results in significant modifications to private sidewalks on the east side. The engineers stated that this approach is it is less expensive than replacing the road. Additionally, the placement of the proposed catch basins (along the new curbing) will result in

the necessary replacement of approximately 250 feet of water line. BSC is to analyze a reduction of the sidewalk widths from 8' to 6' and if that results in decreased off-site concrete replacement and reduced water line replacement.

- All new catch basins should have hoods, to keep garbage and other floatables from clogging the new drainage system. Bonnie indicated that drain cleaning would be part of the public works schedule. The connected catch basins will drain at the bottom of Hartford. This should alleviate some of the current issues on Hartford.
- O&M costs of the office space associated with the bathroom was discussed. The office space was built into the scope as a small space for storage and public safety efforts of the rangers. Nina can cost this out for the committee.
- The possibility of eventually adding a bike corral was discussed. Discussion included the advantage of encouraging biking vs. auto traffic such as what BSC is doing at UConn. It was noted that this is common in larger cities but is a development that could be added with increased usage of Sound View.

Parking Study

Motion: To request BSC Group develop a scope of work and corresponding budget for a parking study for Sound View Beach by our next meeting. Motioned by Frank and seconded by Angelo. Discussion: This request developed from the concerns of a Sound View business owner. This is for a scope and budget which will be reviewed and considered by the committee at the next meeting. Motion passed unanimously 6-0-0.

- There was discussion regarding turning 1-2 spots on Hartford for motorcycle parking.

Public Informational Meeting

- Lyme Old Lyme Middle School is available on 3/9/15 at 7:30pm for the presentation.
- The assessor's office can provide a list of homeowners for mailing but requests the addresses of the homeowners.
- The draft informational letter fits on a postcard but is not easy to read per Mary Jo.
- David Head had approved most of our changes to the DOT templates and indicated we can advertise during the weekday vs. weekend to save costs.
- Kurt, David and Mary Jo will discuss the possibility of passing through the meeting advertising costs through BSC.

Next meeting 1-27-15 at 5:00PM in Memorial Town Hall

Public Comment

Joanne commended the committee for their efforts. Lenny had private comments to share with Frank.

Adjourn

Motion: To Adjourn at 7:05 PM. Motioned by Frank, was seconded by Angelo. Motion passed without discussion and unanimously 6-0-0.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Nosal, Acting Clerk 1-20-15