

**The Route 156 Bike Way and Sound View Improvements Committee**  
**Unapproved Minutes of July 7, 2015 4:30 PM Memorial Town Hall, Old Lyme, CT**

Members Present Mary Jo Nosal, Frank Pappalardo, Skip Sibley, Jim Lampos and Rob Haramut. Excused: Bonnie Reemsnyder, John McDonald

Welcome A quorum was present and the meeting was called to order at 4:32 PM.

Approval of Meeting Minutes **Motion:** To approve the meeting minutes of 6/29/15, was made by Frank and seconded by Jim. There was no discussion and motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Preliminary Design Meeting Review

- Mary Jo, Frank, Rob and Jim felt the meeting went well or per Skip quiet support.
- The committee complimented BSC Group's presentation.
  
- The committee reviewed the written feedback received to date and comments made at the meeting.
- The comments/questions include: an interest in restrooms; a desire for port-a-lets with hand washing or sanitizer availability; request for a business parking plan; blight concerns; time table for improvements and sewer installation; interest in two-sided street parking; requests to complete the green space; interest in traffic control with one-way traffic on Hartford Ave; considering using alleys for the bike way; traffic accident accounting; year round use of the area; bus accessibility; maximized parking; get the project done as nothing has been done for this area of town in ages; surprise over project probable cost of construction; a sense of preferential treatment;
- Frank and Mary Jo brought up a business owner's suggestion to purchase upgraded porta-a-lets with ADA accessibility. Frank will look into options and cost and the addition of sanitizer. There was consensus for better looking units.
  - Jim suggested that the units should not take the place of real bathrooms.
  - There was consensus that the town would not support purchasing port-a-lets.
  - The committee agreed that sanitizer is a good idea.
- Jim noted that currently the plan calls for the loss of 19 street spaces.
- The current plan for 6' sidewalks on both sides of Hartford Ave. is important for safety and to provide a uniform look.
- The current plan maximizes parking given the width of Hartford Avenue and safety improvements.
- The committee does not anticipate concerns with the sewer lines being installed following the road improvements.
- The plan includes the 9 Town Transit utilizing the stop on Hartford Ave. to provide a safe drop off and bring pedestrian and cycles down Hartford Ave past businesses. The plan has always been to provide safety enhancements and provide access to the area for cycles and pedestrians.
- The construction plan is not to interfere with the summer season.
- The budget process followed the CTDOT process and is similar to other projects. The initial estimate and plan made the Town eligible for the grant. The committee then identified the scope and a probable cost of construction was provided at the 30% point. At the Final design point, the costs are finalized.
  
- The committee recommendations for BSC Group:
  - Put copy of slides on the website
  - Comments be summarized for BSC Group
  - Consider including the following in the DOT report:
    - a time line
    - this editorial: <http://www.theday.com/editorials/20150706/the-dark-cloud-of-beach-traffic>
    - correspondence with OLISP
    - VHB feedback from DOT indicating no interest in supporting a parking study
  
- The committee needs a volunteer to look into grant possibilities with Eversource

**Motion:** To request the Board of Selectmen move forward with the project, was made by Frank and seconded by Rob. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

**Next Meeting:** 7-20-15, 4:30 PM at Memorial Town Hall

**Motion:** To adjourn at 5:55 PM, was made by Skip, and seconded by Jim. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Nosal, Acting Clerk 07-13-15