

**Route 156 Bike Way and Sound View Improvements Committee
Unapproved Minutes from Meeting of October 7, 2014
Shoreline Community Center, Hartford Avenue**

Members Present: Frank Pappalardo, Bonnie Reemsnyder, Angelo Faenza, John MacDonald, Jim Lampos, Mary Jo Nosal, Rob Haramut from RiverCOG and David Head of VHB; Kurt Prochorena, Luke McCoy, Jesse Harris, Frank DiPietro of BSC Group, Nina Peck of Nina Cuccio Peck Architects. Excused: member Skip Sibley

Meeting called to order at 5:05 AM

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes of 9/22/14 made by Bonnie and seconded by David. Discussion: David asked that it be noted that the committee discussed the possibility of a pump station as part of the plan. Bonnie amended her motion to include this note, it was seconded by Angelo. There was no discussion and motion passed.

Next Meetings: 11/10/14, 5:00 PM at Shoreline Community Center; Public Informational Session (to be recorded) 10/22, 7:30 PM at Town Hall.

Communication: none

Design Session:

Kurt updated the committee as follows:

- E-mail will be set up through his IT team soon.
- He will provide a checklist similar to the bi-weekly updates to assist us in accounting for completed tasks.
- Kurt met with the Old Lyme Land use Coordinator, Keith Rosenfeld. It was determined that it would delay the project at least 6 months to join the two parcels of the park. But, Kurt is comfortable working in the two zones. It is expected to that the project will need a variance for height and perhaps set-back allowances in the residential zone. Additionally, the alley and a path to the alley through the parking lot will remain open for emergency vehicular use.
- Geotechnical report has been requested again from Earth Design.
- Traffic Analysis almost complete and includes input from the Resident State trooper and COG data.
- Storm water and drainage plans being discussed. The hydrologic analysis will show what is needed with respect to grading but the plans include a rain garden with natural vegetation to manage any run off so that the park does not add to the natural water conditions. Bonnie requested that the engineers provide a brief description of this due to the concerns with water in this sensitive area. Jim noted that the area is like a bowl which holds water from the Long Island Sound which cannot be controlled. Our project will not add to any run-off.

The BSC team reviewed the park lay-out with the committee.

- Discussion focused on: the park fencing (pressure treated wood), restroom placement, vegetation, gating or roping for the lot entrance and emergency exit.
- Angelo will consult with the resident next to the parking lot regarding fence and shrubbery buffer options.

- Parking lot-The parking spaces in the gravel lot, including handicap parking estimate is 40-42 spots in the lot but this will be continually looked at to maximize parking spaces. Lot curbing or edging was also discussed.
- Service access to the restroom building will be looked at from Pond Road. David Head shared that any easement would require some additional paperwork for the DOT.
- Curb cut analysis-only two curb cuts may need to be addressed. One has already been used for parking and the other will allow for additional street parking by a business.
- The Bikeway will be marked on the north and south side of 156. Concerns centered on the connection to the Baldwin Bridge bike path at I-70 and Halls Road. Good signage and walking a bike across 156 from Halls Road is recommended for safety.

Restroom Programming:

- Nina shared a sketch dated 10-7-14 of the restroom building that meets the overall scope of the project. Motion by Frank P, seconded by Jim to accept a fabricated on-site building passed with no discussion. The committee was pleased with the design.
- Nina recommends a concrete block built building for resiliency; she does not advise hardy shingles.
- A utility area is needed for plumbing and hot water heater.
- Frank P. suggested that the office face the parking lot.
- Kurt provided a preliminary sketch of the pump building per a discussion with Woodard and Curran. Nina notes that the building is substantial. Mary Jo noted that the committee will request direction from Bonnie and Woodard and Curran but for now to focus on that agreed upon restroom parameters.
- There was a concern regarding noise and odor of the pump station. Unless the facility is being serviced, the pumps being underground eliminate much of the odor concern and noise abatement can be discussed with the project engineers.

Plan for Informational Meeting of 10/22/14

Preceding the meeting, there will be a presentation taped for cable channel 14 which will air after the 10/16/14 taping. The session will be a question and answer format and may include Kurt, Frank P., Bonnie and Mary Jo.

The format of the informational presentation is under discussion but most likely there will be a leader, with a presentation by BSC and the committee available for Q&A. There will be hand-outs, a suggestion box and an email account will be available for comments from the community. The meeting will be taped for cable TV. The slides will include a Hartford Avenue looking south street view.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 7:10 PM by John, was seconded by Frank P. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Nosal – Acting Clerk