

The Route 156 Bike Way and Sound View Improvements Committee
Unapproved Minutes of April 25, 2016 4:30 PM Memorial Town Hall Old Lyme, CT

Committee Members Present: Rob Haramut of the RiverCOG, Mary Jo Nosal, Angelo Faenza, Frank Pappalardo, Skip Sibley (arrived at 4:50PM), Bonnie Reemsnyder, Mary Jo Nosal and Jim Lampos (left at 6:00PM). Design Engineers: Kurt Prochorena and Rob Pickney from BSC Group. Community: two members of the community present.

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 4: 36PM

Motion To Open the meeting: at 4:36 PM by Bonnie and Frank. No vote taken.

Motion To Approve Meeting Minutes of 04/4/16: Motion was made by Bonnie and seconded by Frank to approve the minutes of 4/4/16. There was no discussion. Voting in favor: Rob, Angelo, Mary Jo, Jim, Frank and Bonnie. No one opposed or abstained. Motion passed.

Project Updates-brief

Kurt provided the set of the final design plans currently under review at CTDOT and project manual for the Town. DOT will hold the May 10 "on board meeting."

Inspector Interviews have been completed and the recommendation sent to VHB.

Informational Session Discussion

The presentation for this evening's public info session was reviewed. Key Points:

- A project summary, since the Preliminary Information Meeting of 6/30/16, will be provided. The committee has held 60 public meetings and 7 informational sessions.
- Parking spaces on Hartford Avenue: net change of -22. There is no change to the town lot.
- The required DOT project process/timeline and DOT deliverables will be described.
- State Route 156 is already on the DOT bike route map as 75% of the road, from the Baldwin Bridge to Hartford Ave., has the appropriate shoulder width. The project committee provided recommendations in the reports to the DOT for the share the road (sharro) markings and signage for DOT's consideration when their work on Route 156 is planned.
- The existing conditions and the planned complete street improvements on Hartford Avenue, funded by the federal program, will be described. The complete street analysis, approved by DOT, emphasizes safety, creates a sense of place, and maximizes parking.

Sidewalks: Currently the sidewalks are of insufficient width are not ADA accessible. If the town was to undertake the sidewalk improvements without the reimbursement program, and bring them up to ADA requirements and standards it would cost an estimated \$535,000. The planned sidewalk improvements is the majority of the project work.

Roadway: The safety of the motorist, pedestrian and cyclist within the 50 foot wide road right-of-way was carefully analyzed. The result is 6ft wide sidewalks, 10ft parallel parking on the west side of the road, and two 14ft motorist lanes which accommodate the sharros for bicycles.

Additional: Curbing and bump-outs, banner poles, street signs, benches and plantings will be reviewed.

It was noted that the project includes an Inspector will be on site to test all the materials utilized and assure that the engineering plans are held to.

- Estimated construction timeline reviewed. 119 calendar days of work estimated from Sept-Dec 2016 and an April, 2017 for plantings and close-out.
- The construction budget, based on the first estimate of probable cost of construction and approved by DOT is \$751,000 will be discussed. The federal program will reimburse the town up to 80% of eligible expenses. Given the budget limitations and as the transportation program, the committee focused on safety and maximizing the funding. The recommended future improvements (street lighting, restrooms, a green, Hartford Ave. planter updating) depends on future funding availability and other town initiatives.

Next Regular Meeting-Tuesday, 5/27/16 at 4:30PM at Town Hall.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:10 PM, was made by Frank and seconded by Angelo. There was no discussion. Voting in favor: Frank, John, Rob, Skip, Bonnie, Mary Jo and Angelo. No one abstained or opposed. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Nosal, Acting Clerk 4/27/16