

**Route 156 Bike Way and Sound View Improvements Committee**  
**Unapproved Minutes of June 29, 2015 4:30 PM Memorial Town Hall, Old Lyme, CT**

Members Present Angelo Faenza, John MacDonald, Mary Jo Nosal, Bonnie Reemsnyder, Frank Pappalardo, and Skip Sibley (arrived 4:40pm). Guests Kurt Prochorena of BSC Group. Public Present Lenny Corto

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 June 22, 2015 made by Frank and seconded by Bonnie. There was no discussion. The motion carried with Angelo, Frank, Bonnie and Mary Jo in favor and John abstained as he was absent for the last meeting.

Preliminary Design Discussion

- Frank inquired as to Jean Davies response to our inquiry regarding the RCOGs input on phasing the project. There was some uncertainty but it was felt that she recommended utilizing the transportation grant on the Hartford Avenue streetscape and including the green and parking lot as construction bid alternatives to maintain the one project vision. Bonnie felt Jean was in favor of completing the design and specifications and funding the rest of the project with grants. Bonnie noted that the town has a pending STEAP application for an important bridge repair.
- Kurt estimated our final design savings for final design allocated to the green-parking lot at \$5,000-\$8,000.00. If the town desired to fund to final design it would need approval of the Boards of Selectmen and Finance. Additionally, he offered that to finish design without permitting could be risky in the event a permitting requirement would result in a final specification document amendment.
- Skip felt any discussion surrounding final design at the Preliminary Informational Design Meeting (PIM) would be too complicated and that phasing is a necessity as there is no sanitary line for restrooms.
- Frank asked Kurt what the start-up costs would be if funding was available 1.5 years from now. Kurt indicated that there would not be a start-up cost.
- Frank and Angelo shared concerns that there will be push back at the PIM from those who see the project as being cut-back or require street rework for sewer hook-ups.
- Bonnie summarized that the choices (1) complete the project design with approval from the Board of Finance and construct later when funding is available. But, there is a risk in having to redo the specifications for permitting, or (2) complete the streetscape which requires a new single entrance-exit at the planned parking lot and utilize the bid alternative option process to complete a simple green and lot.
- Kurt added that the zoning official would determine if the simple green would require a permit but he did not think it would add to infiltration.
- David Head responded by phone that construction alternatives were most likely ok with DOT if they are close to the budget.

Preliminary Design Informational Meeting Presentation

- The Committee critiqued the draft presentations
- There was discussion on the project developments since the October, 2014 informational meeting which led to budget and timeline reconsiderations. Including: geotech, AE flood zone, sidewalk safety and ADA compliance, CTDOT budget limits and 25% cost add-ons for incidentals.
- Kurt suggested reminding all that the developments are happening at only the 30% completion point. A slide noting this was recommended.
- The project emphasis remains on safety and bringing the grant allocation as close to the 80/20 share.

Next Meeting

6/30/15 7:00 PM Preliminary Design Meeting at Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School

Respectfully submitted by Mary Jo Nosal, Acting Clerk 06-30-15