

**Route 156 Bike Way and Sound View Improvements Committee
Unapproved Minutes from Meeting of September 22, 2014
Shoreline Community Center, Hartford Avenue**

Members Present: Frank Pappalardo, Bonnie Reemsnyder, Angelo Faenza, John MacDonald, Jim Lampos, Mary Jo Nosal. Guests: Rob Haramut from RiverCOG, David Head of VHB; Kurt Prochorena, Luke McCoy, Jesse Harris. of BSC Group, Nina Peck of Nina Cuccio Peck Architects; Joanne Lishing and Sandra Ziemba members of The Sound View Commission and resident Louis Mongoi. Unable to attend: member Skip Sibley

Meeting called to order at 4:05 AM

Welcome Members: Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the meeting minutes of 8/22/14 was made by Frank and seconded by Jim. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

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

Communication: Mary Jo has drafted a letter of response to individuals interested in the status of the bike path and travel to Mile Creek School. She will provide Frank with the opportunity to provide feedback. The concern for safe travel from Shore Road north on Cross Lane has been discussed with the engineer who is looking at options within the parameters of the grant.

Design Session: BSC Presentation and Working Session: Kurt and his team provided hand-outs of preliminary design options for the road and park. All the options were based on the 50 ft. wide roadway limit of Hartford Avenue, south of Bocce to Pond Road. A detailed graphic of the recommended option was presented and included: 2-way traffic on Hartford Avenue with parallel parking on the east side; a share the road bike-auto travel lane (13 ft.) and ADA compliant 8 ft. sidewalks on both sides of Hartford Ave. This design is recommended for safer traffic travel. ASHTO actually recommends a 13ft travel lane for higher speed roads. It provides safe exiting of passengers onto a curb, includes some bump outs for trash carts, outside tables for business, safe walking for pedestrians, plantings and bike racks. The Fire Marshal requires the alley way to be unobstructed in the parking area.

Three parking lot options, with handicap parking, were considered and the committee was in favor of the option that provided the most parking. BSC suggested value in combining the zoning requirements of the district. There was a discussion on parking pavement and rain garden use to manage run-off.

Discussion included: the lack of safe turn around radius for emergency vehicles at the flagpole; parking on the west side of Hartford would be less safe due to drivers making U-turns; bikers prefer to share the road with traffic and it is less confusing for those unfamiliar with the area; right-of-way encroachment by homeowners and the town; committee wants to encourage pedestrian traffic; and attractive pavement options to tie in the sidewalk edges with the flagpole area and consideration by the Board of Selectmen to consider a lower speed limit on Hartford Avenue. Jim Lampos calculated that the recommended option exceeds the parking requirement; the committee also discussed at length: the desire to provide a natural buffer between the parking lot and neighboring residence on Portland Ave; curbing to eliminate the traffic hazards on cars waiting to park on Portland; possible fencing, bench materials and trash

receptacles. Options for park restroom facility will be further examined. BSC will evaluate the curb cuts on Hartford Avenue and recommend lighting options although street lighting is not currently covered in the project. Additionally, Frank shared that some property owners are considering developing condos vs. mixed use buildings on Hartford Avenue.

Restroom Programming: Nina requested the committee input on the restroom facility. She suggested that a built-on-site building may be more cost effective and she will provide more specifics following her research. The committee reviewed the scope of work regarding the bathroom and discussed the importance of an attractive, low maintenance, resilient and ADA accessible building. The committee reviewed the grant sharing for the design and construction of the facility and possible offsets by working with the waste water project.

No formal walk due to lack of sunlight or public comment

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM by Frank was seconded by John. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted on 9/24/14 by Mary Jo Nosal – Acting Clerk