

Complete Streets Committee Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: January 25, 2019
TIME SCHEDULED: 12:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Planning Dept. Office, Town Offices, Room 112
MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Bloomfield, Chair (At-Large)
Ellen Moshier, Vice-Chair (At-Large)
Patrick Campbell, Member (Planning Board)
Kevin Cafferty, Member (Pathway Committee)
Joseph Rull, Member (Board of Selectmen)
Glenn Ferguson, (Highway Surveyor, phoned-in @12:55)
MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Christopher Madden, Clerk (Recreation Commission)
TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Kenneth Kirkland (Town Planner)
Alison Demong (Board of Selectmen)

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Also present for the discussion was resident Andrew C. Keay, 465 Main Street.

Agenda

Chair Bloomfield moved to start the meeting at 12:12. The motion was approved 5-0.

November 16, 2018 & December 14, 2018 CSC Meeting Minutes

Chair Bloomfield moved to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2018 Complete Streets Committee Meeting as written. The motion was approved 3-0.

Bills

BETA Group Main St. Sidewalk (Ph. III) \$13,277.18

Town Planner Kirkland stated that he would request an invoice narrative prior to processing the invoice. Chair Bloomfield moved to approve the invoice as submitted. The motion was approved 5-0.

Discussion

1. **MassDOT Complete Streets Grant: Tier 3 - Construction Review & Updates:** Town Planner Kirkland indicated that the deadline for Tier 3 CS Grant applications was May 1. The Committee discussed the timing of Town Meeting and possibility of having an approved Warrant Article for Phase III funding relative to this date. Highway Surveyor Ferguson stated the cost of Phase III (Town Hall to Lincoln Street) would be \$560,000.00 based off his engineering estimates. There were savings in curbing (shorter distance needed) and ADA-

compliant crosswalk installation (fewer needed), but higher expected expenses in police details and wall construction at 465 Main Street. The Committee discussed at length the options available. Town Planner Kirkland restated that MassDOT would not look favorably upon previous award recipients, but the Committee felt that the partial award from the State last year warranted an attempt to receive another partial award if they show local support and request for a match from the State.

Discussing a Warrant Article, Alison Demong and Member Rull indicated that they are aware of several capital budget requests that might compete with the request, and that given the estimate, a lower request might be more reasonable. Member Cafferty stated that any funding request could be reduced prior to the vote, at which point, the Committee could use the appropriation to construct the project to the furthest extent possible. After some discussion, it was agreed to draft a Town Meeting Article for funding.

Motion by Chair Bloomfield to draft a Town Meeting Warrant Article in the amount of \$475,000.00 for a request to fund the Phase III Complete Streets Main Street Sidewalk Project. The motion was approved 5-0.

2. **BETA Group Assistance & Discussion - Phase 3A (Town Hall to Lincoln St.) & 3B (Lincoln St. to Town Center) Engineering & Design:** Highway Surveyor Ferguson indicated that he spoke with BETA regarding Phase III plan development. He was presently calculating engineering estimates based upon Phase II construction costs and overall length of Phase III. Member Moshier indicated that BETA should include an engineering cost estimate for Highway Surveyor Ferguson to compare. After the Committee introduced Mr. Andrew Keay of 465 Main Street, he stated general concerns regarding the public right-of-way, wall reconstruction, and need for sidewalks in general. Member Campbell showed Mr. Keay a rough architectural rendering of what the reconstruction could look like, and stated that work is generally done in the Town's right-of-way to prevent the need to acquire easements and/or land purchases. Highway Surveyor Ferguson stated that he has been talking with Mr. Keay regarding the wall design, and would be meeting with him at his home in the near future.
3. **Town Hall Crosswalk: Construction Timing & Flashing Signage:** There was no dedicated discussion on this topic.
4. **General Town funding moving forward (Town Center, etc.):** Highway Surveyor Ferguson and Chair Bloomfield indicated that Plans for Town Center are vital, as paving and reconstruction would need to occur, and the construction moratorium after paving would present significant challenges to Town Center redesign. Member Rull indicated that he had recently spoken to Senator O'Connor, who stated that the Town could have access to \$75,000 if the Town could match those funds; which could be used for Town Center, in addition to the previously discussed \$2,000,000 bond bill. Members Moshier and Cafferty, and Alison Demong asked Member Rull to reach out to Senator O'Connor to discuss these funds and clarify what actions would be needed.

Miscellaneous

1. **465 Main Street:** After the Committee introduced Mr. Andrew Keay of 465 Main Street, he stated general concerns regarding the public right-of-way, wall reconstruction, and need for sidewalks in general. Member Campbell showed Mr. Keay a rough architectural rendering of what the reconstruction could look like, and stated that work is generally done in the Town's right-of-way to prevent the need to acquire easements and/or land purchases. Highway Surveyor Ferguson stated that he has been talking with Mr. Keay regarding the wall design, and would be meeting with him at his home in the near future.

Adjournment

Chair Bloomfield moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 pm. The motion was approved 5-0.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: February 15, 2019

These minutes have been approved with reading of the minutes by the Norwell Complete Streets Committee at a public meeting duly noticed and held on March 25, 2019, in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

Signed: _____



Committee Clerk

Date: _____

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