

Pathway Committee Meeting Minutes

MEETING DATE: Wednesday February 6, 2019
TIME SCHEDULED: 7:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Town Offices, Meeting Room 2
MEMBERS PRESENT: Patrick Palzkill, Vice-Chair (At-Large)
 James Kelliher, Member (At-Large)
 Brendan Sullivan, Member (Planning Board)
 Robert Woodill, Member (Conservation Commission)
 Pamela Brake, Member (Alternate)

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MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Kevin Cafferty, Chair (At-Large)
 Christopher Madden, Clerk (Recreation Commission)

TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Kenneth Kirkland, (Town Planner)
 Nancy Hemingway, (Conservation Agent)
 Marynel Wahl, (Conservation Commission)
 Ronald Mott, (Conservation Commission)
 Justin Ivas, (Conservation Commission)

Agenda

Member Sullivan moved to start the meeting at 7:03. The motion was approved 5-0.

October 3 & December 5, 2018 PC Meeting Minutes

Member Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of the October 3, 2018 Pathway Committee Meeting. The motion was approved 5-0.

Member Sullivan moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2018 Pathway Committee Meeting at a later Meeting. The motion was approved 5-0.

Bills

Tree & Grounds	Pathway Maintenance	\$339.12
HorsleyWhitten	Wompatuck	\$5,070.00
		\$4,698.75

Member Sullivan moved to approve the invoices as submitted. The motion was approved 5-0.

Discussion

1. **Horsley Witten / Wompatuck Access Lot Design Charrette:** Member Sullivan opened the charrette with a welcome, and introduced Project Manager Justin Lamoureux, P.E., of Horsley Witten Group, to present the latest set of Plans.

Project Manager Lamoureux presented the latest drawings, which represented the 75% Design Plans. It was noted that the underlying engineering regarding the parking area and entrance layout had remained essentially the same throughout the process, and a majority of the review time was focused on wetlands crossing details, as well as the landscaping buffer. One recent change was, based upon groundwater percolation tests, the bio-retention basin was consolidated to the south side of the proposed parking area, which reduced disturbance and clearing for the parking area out of the 100-foot buffer area. Responding to a question from Katie Kenney, 387 Grove Street on the design character of the basin, Project Manager Lamoureux described the basin as a vegetated area for filtration with no “hardscaped” features such as concrete or asphalt.

Project Manager Lamoureux noted the inclusion of the earthen berm option with 3:1 slopes and associated replication areas as supported by the Conservation Commission. Details regarding the replication areas would be addressed in their official Notice of Intent (NOI) filing with the Commission.

Commissioner Ivas asked about the potential for even further expansion (beyond the accounted 36-space expansion) and the associated impacts of the proposed replication area. Project Manager Lamoureux stated that would be taken into consideration if expansion beyond the 36 spaces that were currently accounted for is considered.

Mrs. Kenney asked about traffic study and whether one would be done, given the witnessed speeds in the area. Member Sullivan and Project Manager Lamoureux agreed that the a traffic study was unnecessary, given the project’s scale. Sufficient sight distances (based off of enumerated speeds) were present, and that any trimming to maintain said sights distances would be maintained by the Highway Department, as the area is within the Town right-of-way. Commissioner Mott added that once drivers were used to the entrance, speeds would naturally slow to accommodate entrances and exits from the premises.

Commissioner Mott additionally inquired about the asphalt apron at the entrance, and stated that it should be sufficient to prevent rutting from vehicles exiting the property. Project Manager Lamoureux stated that the standard 20' apron was included to prevent this issue. Katie Kenney inquired about dust control, and Member Sullivan requested Project Manager Lamoureux include in the Operations & Maintenance Plan (O&M Plan) to include adequate dust control measures for the neighbors.

There was discussion regarding plowing and trash removal. Both would be the Town’s responsibility, though there was previous discussion where Friends of Wompatuck might provide some plowing services. Commissioners Mott and Woodill stated that plowing might not be regularly required, as the State Park would be minimally accessible.

Doug Luoma, Friends of Wompatuck indicated that their group would be working directly with MassDCR in order to facilitate the connection with the State Park, and would be making a \$3,000.00 contribution to reduce construction costs for the Town, and would take two items off the construction list and install themselves as a gesture of appreciation to this project.

There was general discussion regarding the reasoning for trees in the parking area, and their potential plowing or parking conflicts. Town Planner Kirkland indicated that the trees were aesthetic and functional, adding in a cooling effect in the summer, given the site's barren and open nature, and that including aesthetic and functional landscaping to parking areas in general was an important planning principle.

Member Sullivan stated that the he and Town Planner Kirkland has presented to CPC for construction funding to be presented at Town Meeting. They received strong, positive support from CPC.

At 7:45pm, Member Sullivan expressed thanks for the continued turnout and the enthusiastic participation of the residents in formulating the entrance lot design. He stated that the next step for Horsley Witten would be to create the Final Plan Set, and file a Notice of Intent with Conservation Commission.

Miscellaneous

1. Potential Trail & Pathway Connections

Conservation Agent Hemingway briefly presented a number of existing trails and paths that could serve as future connector projects for the Committee. Town Planner Kirkland had previously stated that smaller, targeted projects that connect to larger, established trails and / or public areas would be immensely beneficial and would be excellent projects for the Committee to pursue. Agent Hemingway could provide more information as the Committee needed at future times.

Adjournment

Member Sullivan moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:06. The motion was approved 5-0.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: February 20, 2019

These minutes have been approved with reading of the minutes by the Norwell Pathway Committee at a public meeting duly noticed and held on 4/3/2019, in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

Signed: _____

Committee Clerk

Date: _____

4/3/2019

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