

Town of Norwell
PATHWAY COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes of February 7, 2018

MEETING DATE:	Wednesday, February 7, 2018
TIME SCHEDULED:	7:00 P.M.
LOCATION:	Meeting Room 2
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Brendan Recuperio, At-Large Kevin Cafferty, Chair At-Large Brendan Sullivan, Planning Board Robert Woodill, Conservation Commission
TOWN EMPLOYEES PRESENT:	Kenneth R. Kirkland, Town Planner
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Patrick Palzkill, Vice-Chair At-Large Christopher Madden, Recreation Commission James M. Kelliher, At-Large Pamela Brake, Alt. Member

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Chair Cafferty called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members present voted unanimously to **APPROVE** the Agenda, as written.

Minutes: There were no minutes to approve.

Bills:	Horsley Witten	\$4970.46
	Horsley Witten	\$1417.50

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members present voted unanimously to **APPROVE** the invoices as submitted. The bills will go the Community Preservation Committee for their signature.

Horsley Witten / Wompatuck Access Lot Design Charrette: Chair Cafferty opened the charrette with a welcome, stating that the currently presented Site Concept Plan (Plan 2.0) is the result of input from the December 13, 2017 meeting, which Justin Lamoureux, Project Manager of Horsley Witten confirmed. Plan 2.0 is the 25% designed plan, and feedback from tonight will further influence the next rendition (Plan 3.0, the 75% designed plans).

One resident inquired about the landscaping presented, and felt that it was inadequate. Project Manager Lamoureux stated that the illustrated landscaping was not engineered, and was only to show the approximate location of proposed landscaping, and that more detailed landscaping will be presented in the next rendition of plans.

Another resident asked about the usage of landscaping in regards to dust from the proposed driveway. Project Manager Lamoureux stated that landscaping, and trees in particular will be used to screen and mitigate any dust that the driveway would create. Particularly, trees with a 2.5-inch caliper are best suited for these purposes.

Both Chair Cafferty and Project Manager Lamoureux stated that the proposal in general would be an improvement over the existing terrain, which is mostly open and barren. Landscaping will be a buffer for the direct neighbors, particularly the addition of trees and tall grasses in the area between the rear boundaries and the proposed parking lot. Project Manager Lamoureux also stated that the only proposed modifications to existing natural landscaping would be the trimming of branches and

the removal of underlying brush and undergrowth, and that the proposal remains clear of removing any existing trees and rock walls.

A resident brought up police presence and the lot's hours of operation, and that gate installation would prevent late-night visitors. Town Planner Kirkland stated that the Police and Fire Chiefs both disagreed and indicated that a fence would prevent EMS access to the parking lot or the State Park, itself in the event of a medical emergency.

Additionally, Town Planner Kirkland indicated that as mentioned at the last meeting, police presence would be delegated to the patrol officer assigned to that area as with any other park or recreational site in Town. Additionally, the removal of the existing berm of refuse material would make it obvious to police patrol of unauthorized presence, and would most likely make the lot an undesirable location if presence to police patrol were immediate and obvious. Project Manager Lamoureux indicated that the abovementioned landscaping buffer design would minimize neighbor conflicts.

Doug Luoma, a resident and officer of the Friends of Wompatuck group indicated that the proposal's gate could operate similar to the gate at the Mount Blue Street access point. Chair Cafferty indicated and Town Planner Kirkland agreed that the Chiefs could be reproached concerning the gate.

A neighbor asked about trash removal and the responsible party for cleanup. Chair Cafferty stated that DCR indicated interest in responsibility, but also that in the event of DCR refusal, the local Highway Department would have ultimate responsibility, as the property is Town-owned.

Two residents who were unable to make the previous meeting, asked general questions regarding the overall proposal. Town Planner Kirkland indicated that the project's design from its inception was to be a minimalist, local access point to the State Park, and that there were never plans for heavy facilities such as lights, bathrooms, equipment, or similar ideas.

When asked if the number of parking spaces had changed, both Project Manager Lamoureux and Chair Cafferty indicated that the illustrated 20-spaces was defined by Town Meeting, though the parking lot and the associated stormwater system and snow storage area were designed for possible expansion in the future if the lot grew in popularity. Addressing the possibility of the ice cream stand mentioned at the previous meeting, Town Planner Kirkland stated that the lot is not being designed with that idea in mind and that while residents may hear informal comments about a myriad of potential projects, the Town cannot consider or comment on projects that are not officially submitted for review. He reinstated that there no such plans for an ice cream stand.

Addressing concerns over construction impacts, Chair Cafferty stated that while initial construction could impose some inconveniences, they would be temporary and that the lot would ultimately increase the values of the surrounding homes.

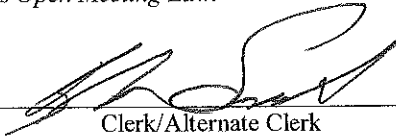
At 7:55pm, Chair Cafferty expressed thanks for the continued participation of the residents in formulating the entrance lot design. He stated that the next step for Horsley Witten would be the creation of 75% designed plans, which would include site distances, engineering, and landscaping plans, at which point the Committee would hold another charrette in order to gain last-minute suggestions and feedback prior to the submittal of 100% designed plans.

Adjournment: Upon a motion duly made and seconded, members present **VOTED** unanimously to adjourn at 8:00.

Next Scheduled Meeting: TBD

These minutes have been approved with reading of the minutes waived by unanimous vote of the Norwell Pathway Committee at a public meeting duly noticed and held on 4/4/18 in accordance with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law.

Signed: _____


Clerk/Alternate Clerk

Date: 4/4/18

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