

Town Center Renovation Project

2/14/19 Project kick off meeting minutes

Attendees:

- Everett Heller
- Richard Maki
- Rosanne Mapp
- Michael Pineo
- Carol Stewart-Grinkis
- Sean Hamilton
- Bill Tuttle
- Paul Cathcart
- Maureen Cranson
- Ross Perry

This is a project meeting serving to assist the Town Administrator in his task of preparing a Town Center Renovation Plan to the Selectmen.

Verizon wires still run over head. Previously, Verizon had indicated they would charge the Town ~\$80K to create preliminary plans for placing the wires underground. They estimated the construction cost to be about \$200K. Comcast had indicated about ~\$100K to put their wires underground. These may already have been routed around Town Center.

Sean mentioned the possibility of funding some or all of the Verizon/Comcast expenses through a surcharge on SMLD electric rates.

More Main Street abutters should be involved.

Ross will contact the First Church and Library. He'll also get a list of property owners from the Assessors.

Rosanne offered to assist with public outreach as more public and local businesses involvement will help determine the overall project scope.

Improvements to building facades was brought up as potential goal. The consensus was that this project is only dealing with street issues; i.e. from 6ft below grade to 6" above grade (underground utilities, parking and sidewalks).

The issue of whether or not the project should address drainage or septic issues was brought up. The Sewer Feasibility study completed last year resulted in 'no further action'. The time line for a main street sewer system (if one occurred) was felt to be too far out and should not hold up this project. Any drainage issues should be investigated in future meetings.

The boundary or extent of this project should be defined. A first attempt at setting the limits are:

North on Meetinghouse Hill Rd. to the 'yellow house'.

West to #16 Princeton Rd.

South to School Str.

North East to 33 Maple Str. (What about to SMLD?)

The plans created by Weston and Sampson in 2007 were located and contact made the engineer that created the plans. They have offered to attend a future meeting to discuss possible next steps such as design changes recommended by this group, any changes due to new code requirements, and updates based on work already completed.

There is a placeholder in the FY20 budget of \$20K to cover this effort. Ross will contact Weston and Sampson to further define the scope or use of these funds.

The goal of this project is to develop an implementation plan. Not to conduct another study,

Next meeting:

10:00 Thursday Feb. 28th, 2019

Respectfully submitted by:

Ross Perry