



TOWN OF THOMPSON

Mill Sites Redevelopment
Advisory Committee

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REGULAR MEETING - BAR

Brownfield Area-Wide Revitalization (BAR) Grant Sub- Committee
Friday, February 12, 2021 – 9:20 AM
VIA ZOOM
Minutes

Present: J. Blanchette, B. Davis, K. Beausoleil, J. Hall, N. O'Leary, S. Lewis, R. Waldron

Also: T. Penn

Motion made by J. Hall and seconded by N. O'Leary to accept the minutes of the January 8, 2021 meeting.
Motion passes

Correspondence: None

Citizens Comments: None

Review of the LOTCIP sidewalk project:

- 1) We received an updated project estimate with 90% of plan completion. The current estimate is \$1,820,000 which is well under the grant of \$2,200,000. In addition, there is approximately \$300,000 of contingency built into the estimate which leaves sufficient funds to hire a construction project administrator.
- 2) The first selectmen submitted a letter that was drafted by Wetlands Agent, Marla Butts, to State DOT regarding the resolution for the drainage issue near Thatcher Road. The wetlands permit was approved contingent on the resolution of this issue. Freeman and J. Blanchette visited the site.
- 3) Main street crossing was reviewed. B. Davis asked if we could get painted raised lines in addition to the Flashing Beacon. These lines were also suggested for the Rawson Avenue intersection.
- 4) Lots of discussion about landscaping. See notes below.
- 5) Several options for bus shelters were reviewed. S. Lewis will do a sketch of what we decided from which a shop drawing can be done. B. Davis has had preliminary discussion with Liberty Glass and Metal and will follow up with them.

90% complete plan review Committee comments for Freeman

At Rawson Drive Intersection:

1. Remove shrubs between HC space and Route 12 so ensure no sightline interference
2. Relocate HC sign behind sidewalk so plows won't take it out

3. Extend narrow sidewalk behind HC spaces to other 3 spaces
4. There is a concern that the Town won't have the resources to maintain the plantings behind the four new spaces . Can you possible reduce the number of shrubs or confirm that the species are slow growing and easy to maintain. Are the species near the road relatively resistant to road salt? The Town will also end up pushing the snow from plowing to this area. Should there be more grass or perennials that can be buried with snow?

Traffic:

1. Should there be some sort of solar flashing speed sign within the project limits, perhaps at the sharp bend near Rawson Avenue, to encourage people to slow down?
2. Would the attached photo of white squares pavement markings be appropriate within the project limits? Perhaps where speed limit is reduced or near the school crossing?

J. Blanchette announced two meetings:

Planning & Zoning Commission, 2/22/2021 at which an overview of the project will be presented and the Public Information Meeting on 2/24/2021 at 6 p.m. for the POCD

Committee business was cut short as T. Penn had another meeting scheduled. Agenda items a (iii) and b through e were not discussed. J. Blanchette will follow up with an email to schedule a special meeting to finish the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Submitted

Renee Waldron