

b. Blain Road Intersection paving

i. Construction update

NC has placed cones and temporary stop signs on the southern half of the marked out reconfiguration as of 8 Sept. The contractor has not been able to provide an estimate for the project, since the Town is still waiting on the amended plan from Provost & Rovero. The adjustment is being made in response to concerns from DPW, regarding snow plows and school buses turning onto Blain from Rte 12.

ii. LID grant

There are no updates from ECCD at this time. CT DEEP has been very slow in finalizing the grant, due to staffing shortages.

c. Development of 630 Riverside Drive

There has been little movement since the last meeting. There are still parties interested in the property, and T. Penn-Gesek has made an introduction between them, for possible collaboration.

d. River Mill/ FEMA flood map appeal update

The DECD brownfield cleanup grant is still in a holding pattern, due to an impasse with the current owner. T. Penn-Gesek had a con-call with the developer and Rep. Joe Courtney to request assistance in expediting FEMA's response to the Town's appeal of the proposed flood-mapping. There has been no update since that call, but she will follow up again soon.

e. Main Street Reconstruction

- The RFP for the Main St reconstruction design recently closed. 5 proposals were received. The review panel will be J. Blanchette, S. Lewis, T. Penn-Gesek and Joe T (DPW). A timeline needs to be established for the review process. The goal is to convert the resulting design into a follow-up grant application (e.g. LOTCIP) for construction.

- There is a general discussion of other pending projects on Main St: St Joseph's School is believed to be under agreement, with a likely proposed use as some form of multi-family housing with or without additional mixed use. The Superior Bakery properties are likely to come on the market soon. T. Penn-Gesek did a walkthrough with a pair of area commercial r.e. brokers. She has also connected the brokers with two different parties who have expressed interest in the properties.

- The federal funds for the renovation of 65 Main has been received. There is an open RFP for architectural/structural engineering design services for that renovation project. The Tourtellotte Trust unanimously voted to commit up to \$20k for that purpose, but before those funds can be confirmed there needs to be a joint meeting between BoS, BoE & BoF. That meeting is set for 28 Sept and MSRAC members are asked to attend to voice their support for the project.

f. Other Committee business

T. Penn-Gesek has received notification of a placemaking grant offered by T-Mobile. It is a grant with rolling quarterly deadlines, intended for shovel-ready revitalization or other placemaking projects. She requests input from MSRAC for potential projects to develop into a proposal for the December rolling deadline. Maximum grant award is \$50k with no match requirement. R. Waldron suggests looking at potential improvements for Riverside Park. Any number of projects within the park could be considered: re-paving, improved landscaping, improvements to the gazebo, etc. The challenge is to identify \$50k worth of work that could be considered "shovel-ready." It is decided that the Oct MSRAC meeting will include a sitewalk in Riverside Park, weather permitting, to narrow down those choices. An alternate suggestion is for improvements to one of the playgrounds at the public school campus.

6. MEMBER COMMENTS – none additional

7. ADJOURNMENT – 9:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Tyra Penn-Gesek, Director of Planning & Development