

Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
April 13, 2006

PRESENT: Deborah Kruskal, Rich Davison, Jim Hodder, Frank Riepe, June and Clay Allen, Larry O'Brien, Jody Kablack, Bill Place, Marie Harris, Steve Cecil, David O'Connor, Mark Howland

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Comments received from Sudbury Extended Day, First Parish Church and a neighbor on Old Sudbury Road were distributed to the group.

Steve Cecil went over their ideas for a schedule. They will do the data collection first, and the visioning session second. This will enable them to have much more knowledge going into the public session, and will enable them to be able to present facts, versus perceptions. After the visioning, the team will collect more data and start working on concepts. They will want to touch base with the committee once or twice over the early summer, and then we will reconvene in the fall.

How to get information to the public was discussed. The Cecil Group favors a web-based approach. J. Kablack informed the group that the SCIAC has its own section on the town's website. Any information the team wants disseminated to the public should be electronically sent to Jody and she will update the web site.

Steve Cecil wanted concurrence of the committee as to the scope of services. It is their impression, based on the RFP and the interview, that the town wants a balanced approach to reworking the town center intersection to create enhanced traffic movement, pedestrian movement, and open spaces. In their data collection and at the visioning session, they will attempt to:

- ◆ Find out which historical period and which landscapes the town wants to create and/or preserve;
- ◆ Discuss traffic calming versus congestion mitigation;
- ◆ Create designs which effectively enhance open/public spaces;
- ◆ Determine the use of the town center for (non-commuter) public events and incorporate these into their planning;

They will create maps using the best resolution aerial photographs they can find. Several sources exist, including a 1991 Boston Edison fly-over (available at the Town Engineering office) and MassGIS. They will incorporate survey data from the following sources:

- ◆ recent survey by the Grange done by Sullivan & Connors;
- ◆ First Parish Church survey done by Snelling & Associates;
- ◆ town utility maps;
- ◆ topography from 1971 fly-over

Marie Harris will meet with Bill Place to obtain existing town documents, and will call the above engineers to get their data. Deborah Kruskal will obtain authorization to release the First Parish information to the team. Rich Davison will obtain authorization to release the Grange information to the team.

In addition to maps, the team will locate historical photos which show changes to the town center over time. Many photos can be found at the Sudbury Historical Society, located in the upper Town Hall. Lee Swanson will be contacted by PAL.

The Cecil Group will contact Debbie Dineen to look at wetlands in the project area.

Mark Howland will speak with the Sudbury Public Schools transportation coordinator to determine their concerns and any planning that they may do to make school bus routes shorter. Mark Howland will also conduct the traffic counts in early May to capture Lincoln Sudbury senior traffic, as this dies down by early June and can be a significant number. The Sudbury Police have a traffic counter on their new electronic speed board, and the team will request to use this.

Other potential stakeholders will be contacted, including:

- ◆ Peter Noyes principal (Annette Doyle);
- ◆ Sudbury Day organizers (Lisa Barth);
- ◆ Parade Marshals (Joe Bausk/Peter Harvell);
- ◆ Sudbury Historical Commission on the Hosmer House use;
- ◆ Police Dept;
- ◆ Town Clerk.

A tentative schedule for the next several meetings will be distributed. The visioning session will be publicized by getting information into the Town Crier, on Channel 8, information on the web and creating sign boards to put up at the town center. Photos of the changes in the center may be printed in the newspaper.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 7:00 pm in the Flynn Building. Meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.