Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee Minutes
December 2, 2008

PRESENT: Scott Carpenter, Rich Davison, Eva MacNeill, Frank Riepe, Joe Sziabowski, Deborah Kruskal, Jim Hodder, June Allen, Larry O'Brien, Bill Place, Jody Kablack and Jan Hardenbergh

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm.

The survey prepared by Horsley & Witten was reviewed. The committee listed several items that seem to be missing, and Jody will review the RFP to see what else was required and not included in the survey. A full list will be sent to the consultant. Jan Hardenbergh noted that he has documentation of the 1853 court case regarding ownership of the town common, which he will provide to the SCIAC.

Bill Place presented several additional sketches of possible intersection configurations, including 2 rotaries. However, none of these are capable without land takings (particularly from First Parish). The committee was asked if there were any other ideas for the intersection, and both Frank Riepe and Deborah Kruskal submitted sketches. Frank's idea is to create a one way pattern around the common moving counter clockwise. His intent was to keep the historic character of the center intact, increase safety of the intersection and not increase the capacity or speed in the intersection. Deborah's plan is entitled the "Hybrid Option" and is similar to the simplified plan prepared by Steve Cecil. The committee did not take any position on these plans, as they did not represent engineered plans and it is difficult to understand if they will work or not. Once an engineer is involved, then can see if any of the sketch plans will work.

The committee then discussed how to proceed. It was agreed that now that we have an accurate survey, we need to have an engineering firm to analyze the intersection and provide some guidance. Although the previous process was beneficial in terms of setting goals and receiving public input, this next phase needs real engineering. Some committee members felt that keeping a landscape architect involved would be beneficial.

Jody Kablack will prepare an RFP to hire a traffic engineering firm. A sub-committee will be formed to interview potential candidates.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.