

Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
November 9, 2010  
First Parish of Sudbury

PRESENT: Frank Riepe, Joe Sziabowski, Deborah Kruskal, Rich Davison, Jody Kablack  
ALSO PRESENT: Jan Hardenbergh (First Parish), Reed Shilts (293 Concord Rd), Lee Swanson (First Parish), Missy Carpenter (308 Concord Rd), Lorenzo Majno (10 Hudson Rd), Nick Carlough (18 Hudson Rd), Robert Hodge (295 Concord Rd), Susan Iuliano (Sudbury Foundation)

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

This meeting was called in order to receive feedback from First Parish and their task force on the project, as well as comments from the direct residential abutters. Jody Kablack gave a brief overview of the project and the preferred plan (Alternative 6 prepared by Traffic Solutions), and asked for comments.

General comments indicated that the direct abutters were generally favorable to the plan. It was noted that if the No Name road is restricted, the Hosmer House could experience more vibrations with additional traffic using the main intersection. Apparently, vibration from truck traffic is already an issue and causing the walls to crack. It was again requested by the owners of 308 Concord Road (Carpenter) that the plans show the pavement no closer to their house than is currently. J. Kablack stated that this is the intent, and that any new plan will show the road pavement curving slightly into Grinnell Park to increase the shoulder on the opposite side of Concord Road. Questions were asked regarding the shoulder width and surface treatment at the intersection. This will need to be clarified by the traffic engineer. It was noted that the pavement will widen slightly along the north side of Hudson Road, and that burying the overhead utility poles and lines in the location may be an outcome of this project.

Jan Hardenbergh presented First Parish's comments on the plan, noting that they are very favorable to Alternative 6 and that they would like to see this plan advance to design and construction, however they understand the budget constraints associated with constructing this project. First Parish is flexible on the reconfiguration of the common, as long as the road remains only 2 lanes wide along Concord Road. It was also stated that First Parish would consider giving the Town the option to purchase the common. Pedestrian safety needs to be given more thought and detail in the plan, and they hope that a test along the No Name Road will be conducted before any final decision is made whether to close it to northbound or southbound traffic.

J. Kablack noted that a capital budget request has been submitted for \$1 million for construction of the project in FY12. Given the many other projects competing for limited funds, she stated that it may be unlikely that this project will be a priority. The Selectmen make that decision. The group then discussed the potential outcomes under different scenarios:

Can the project proceed in phases, with only replacement of the traffic signals in the first phase, as this is an expense that can be funded with Chapter 90 funds and would not need additional budget funds? J. Kablack stated that phasing the project will be difficult, since the location for signals in the Alternative 6 plan require concrete islands in the middle of the road, and would require all the pavement work to be done as well. Drainage work will also need to be done in the first phase since that is the first item that must be installed. The only items that seem realistic for a second phase are curbing, pedestrian connections, landscaping and lighting. Therefore, phasing the project over multiple years does not seem feasible.

It was also discussed whether the Town should spend the funds appropriated to design a plan that may not be built immediately. First Parish feels strongly that the plan should be designed, and will communicate their support of the plan, design of the plan, and construction of the plan to the Selectmen.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.