

Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
January 31, 2012

PRESENT: Frank Riepe, Joe Sziabowski, Deborah Kruskal, Rich Davison, Larry O'Brien, Scott Carpenter, Jan Hardenbergh, Bill Place, Jody Kablack

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am. The minutes of Nov. 30, 2010 were approved. The 2011 Annual Report was approved.

Jody Kablack gave an update on actions that have occurred since the last SCIAC meeting in November 2010. World Tech Engineering has been preparing the final design plans. The issue of the need to shift the roadway became very apparent once the vertical alignment was completed, and discussions with the affected landowners were commenced, resulting in an agreement to shift the roadway approximately 8 feet to the west along the First Parish property. The final design plans will accommodate this change. A grant from the MassWorks Infrastructure program was applied for in the fall 2011 for construction of the intersection, but Sudbury was not awarded any funding. A second grant round will be announced for fall 2012 and another application will be filed. Most of the grants awarded were coupled with large development projects. Sudbury's project is unique in that it is to preserve the historic district, and hopefully that will get noticed in the next funding round. Proposals have been made to both the Community Preservation Committee and the Capital Improvement Planning Committee for \$200,000 in FY13 for historic landscaping restoration, which is an enhancement of the construction funds in order to complete the project by adding lighting, additional landscaping, street furniture, etc. These proposals will be withdrawn if the full construction article is not advanced this year.

The SCIAC discussed possible action on this project at the 2012 Annual Town Meeting. Larry O'Brien reported that the Board of Selectmen has submitted a placeholder article for the construction funds on the warrant. This will require a ballot vote as a debt exclusion and bonding. The Selectmen are looking at other projects to bond as well, since bonding costs are high for low cost project such as this. No decision has been made on whether this project will be advanced at Town Meeting, however Mr. O'Brien asked the committee what their opinion was on this issue, and SCIAC members agreed that it should proceed, even if it is Indefinitely Postponed. This will give the SCIAC an opportunity to present the final design plan, and for residents to ask questions and comment on it.

Several members brought up the malfunctioning of the existing traffic signals and the need to replace them before they break entirely.

The SCIAC shifted their focus to the design plan. A plan prepared by Deborah Kruskal was used for this discussion, as it is easier to read than the World Tech design plan. Additionally, it shows the roadway alignment shift 8 feet to the west, as agreed upon. Members questioned whether the radius at the southwest corner of the Common could be reduced. This will be noted for World Tech to address in the final plan. Another comment was how to present this project if it is advanced to Town Meeting. Visual images of signal posts, light posts, crosswalk materials,

traffic island materials and other amenities would be helpful. There was also a question about what the net loss to the Town Common is with the current plan. It was also noted that the final plan must include underground conduits for street lighting.

Rich Davison noted that the Sudbury Foundation may be interested in funding some of the restoration items, as the completion of the project as envisioned is of utmost importance.

The issue of final landscaping was discussed, with members interested in working on a landscape plan. Ms. Kablack noted that it may be possible to obtain CPC administrative funds to hire a landscape architect to create concept drawings, which would be helpful for display at Town Meeting. It was agreed that a subcommittee would be formed to discuss this issue.

Take Aways – Bill Place will look at the details on the construction estimates and the plans and list the materials/treatment for several visible aspects of the plan, including the traffic islands, crosswalks, walkways, traffic signals, curbing and landscaping. This list will inform the SCIAC as to whether these items are being treated as envisioned.

Deborah Kruskal volunteered to revise her plan to make it simpler for the Selectmen's meeting. Deborah will also consider creating a concept landscape plan for the center.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.