

Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee  
Minutes  
April 16, 2013

PRESENT: Frank Riepe, Deborah Kruskal, Rich Davison, Jan Hardenbergh, Bill Place, Jody Kablack

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm. No quorum was present.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the final engineering plans for minor changes, which will be communicated to World Tech Engineering for amendment.

Frank Riepe had produced a list of items, which were discussed.

1. Crosswalk material will be a maintenance problem when the guarantee runs out. What product could DPW renew with its own forces? Bill Place will review options for the crosswalk material suggested on the plan. It was noted that if a cobblestone image is possible, this is preferable to red brick. Chapter 90 funds can be used to maintain crosswalks, so maintenance will be schedule with other crosswalks in town. Bill Place believes similar materials have been used in Danvers and Framingham. The southwest corner of the common should utilize the same materials as the crosswalks.
2. What are the grades around the two Center stone walls? Show topographic contours in those two areas: the northwest and northeast corners of Concord Road. Draw the two walls in elevation. This information will be requested from World Tech, however Jan Hardenbergh's visualizations seem accurate.
3. Should wall in front of First parish be in a broader, more graceful arc? No comment.
4. Proposed are two giant signs in front of the wall much as there is today. This is a big aesthetic problem. The sign program needs scrutiny to make sure it is not excessive like Wayland Center. Bill Place will review the signs with MADOT District 3 and attempts to minimize signage will be made. It was also asked if the old signs could be re-used, and if some of the directional signs could be made smaller.
5. The alignment still impinges on the Hosmer House. The intersection needs to slide west by three more feet it seems. This is not possible. The alignment has been set based on the First Parish property line, and it has been shifted as far west as possible. The pavement will get approximately 2 feet closer to the Hosmer House at its southernmost property line. At the corner, the pavement is moving slightly farther away from the house, as is the walkway.
6. Does the shape of the entrance to the First Parish parking area actually accommodate the school buses as required? Confirmed that the entrance can accommodate a school bus.

7. The sidewalk to the door along the First Parish parking lot follows an awkward alignment. Why not give it a more graceful sweep? No change anticipated.
8. The No Name road is no longer showing parking as it had previously. We need this. Evening and Sunday Church activities flood this area. The width of the No Name Road does accommodate parking. It is a 21 feet wide, which includes a 12 foot travel lane, 7 foot wide parallel parking and shoulders.
9. The sweep at the south end of the No Name road is broader than needed on both sides. The radii at the intersection with Old Sudbury Road will be narrowed and will be amended on the final plans.
10. We need to include a photograph of an acceptable stone wall construction in the bid documents. No comment.
11. A walkway is needed straight back between the Grange and the Presbyterian Church. This was decided not to be the best solution. The walkways in the center will be shown on the plan, with minor revisions to be included in the final plans.
12. The entrance as drawn to the “Village Green” project is now out of date. Bill Place will be constructing this portion of the project, so a new plan will not be requested.
13. The patch of pavement in front of Town Hall needs study by a Landscape architect. It is just an afterthought now but is very important. It was suggested that pavers or cobblestones be used for the surface of this area, and that if additional funds are needed, a second phase of CPA funding might be requested.
14. We need to review exactly which trees are being cut. Few trees are being removed for the construction project. One tree at the curb in front of the Hosmer House is slated for removal.
15. We need to understand the lighting and traffic signal placements. There are 9 proposed signal posts. We will review this with World Tech to see if some can be removed.

Jody Kablack and Bill Place had also produced a list of items to discuss with the Committee.

1. Island treatment – mulch is shown. Recommended loam and mulch.
2. Changes to Hudson Rd were discussed. The plans show a slight widening on the north side of Hudson Road, which requires the relocation of 3 utility poles. In the alternative, Bill Place suggests widening on the south side where the town owns the property and we have an easement from the Village Green property owners. The walkway will be relocated into the Village Green property and across 15 Hudson Road, meeting back at Grinnell Park. The Committee members agreed this was preferable.
3. Grinnell Park walkway will be relocated to bend into the park before heading to the intersection.

4. Master Control Box location will be moved back to the front of Town Hall.
5. Sign Post finishes – the group discussed whether polished black or dark green would be most appropriate. Additional images are warranted before a decision can be made. In addition, a matte finish might be possible.
6. Lighting Phases – It was confirmed that Concord Rd N & S will have separate phases so that left turns can be easily made.
7. Vault on Common – rebuilding this is not in the contract price. It is owned by Verizon and Jody and Bill will begin working with them to accomplish this.
8. First Parish – We will need a 6' highway easement to construct the intersection. Bill Place will produce the plan for execution of the document.
9. NStar transformers at 1st Parish – relocating these are not in the contract price. Jody and Bill will begin working with NStar to accomplish this.
10. World Tech Engineering – Jody will inquire how they want to handle the final plan revisions.
11. Opticom signals for public safety are included in the plans

Articles have been submitted for the 2013 Town Meeting warrant for funds for both the construction of the intersection (\$700,000 as a one year capital exclusion) and historic landscaping restoration (\$100,000 from CPA funds). The remainder of the project will be funded from Chapter 90 roadway funds (\$500,000 in FY14 and \$500,00 in FY15).

There was a question about what the net loss to the area of the Town Common is with the current plan. Bill Place will calculate this prior to Town Meeting. It was also noted that the final plan must include underground conduits for street lighting.

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