

Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee
Minutes
June 10, 2013

PRESENT: Frank Riepe, Deborah Kruskal, Rich Davison, Joe Sziabowski, Jim Hodder, Jan Hardenbergh, Lyn MacLean, Bill Place, Jody Kablack

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

The purpose of the meeting was to review the Town Meeting discussion on the funding article, and to discuss the final engineering plans for any minor changes and detail specifications.

The major issue is the configuration of the No Name Road and whether it should be designed to be one-way (as designed) or two-way (as many residents prefer). Most committee members felt that increasing the width of the road to accommodate 2 way traffic was not very significant. It was also discussed that if 2 way traffic is allowed, the curbing at both ends should be installed to discourage cars from turning right when heading southbound, and from turning left when heading northbound. Bill Place thought that all turns into and out of First Parish to the No Name Road would still be possible. Pros and Cons of each alternative were discussed.

The advantages of making the No Name Road 2 way include:

- The radii at the SW corner of the Town Common can be decreased since trucks and other large vehicles can more easily make the turn onto the No Name Road. This also makes the intersection narrower and safer for pedestrians.
- It solves an issue with getting into and out of the Town Hall parking lot.
- There will be less asphalt overall in the Town Center, so increasing the width of the No Name Road slightly will not have an adverse environmental impact.

The disadvantages are:

- More signage may be needed to notify vehicles to turn before they get to the intersection, both on Old Sudbury Road and on Concord Road. These signs may counter-balance the need for one-way directional signage which was proposed in the previous design.

After discussion, it was seconded and voted unanimously to:

Revise the design of the No Name Road to accommodate 2 way traffic, including narrowing the radius of the southwest corner of the Town Common to less than a WB-50 template, creating 12 foot aisle widths on the No Name Road, installing curbing at both ends to deter right turns when heading southbound, and left turns when heading northbound.

Some specifications on the plans which were also discussed included:

1. Crosswalk material – Frank Riepe had circulated research about the various materials and their durability and cost. A final determination must be made as to what product we will use. The plans call for epoxy resin. Bill Place will continue to review options for the crosswalk

material, including color and texture (cobblestone image is preferable to red brick). The northeast corner of the common should utilize the same materials as the crosswalks.

2. Final grade of the First Parish retaining walls – the plans do not show details of the height of the wall. This should be clarified in the final plans.
3. Sign schedule – the number, size and types of signs must be reviewed before going out to bid.
4. Number of Signals – 9 signal poles are shown on the design plans. Committee members wondered if fewer could be installed.
5. Signal size – attention should be paid to the size of the lights, as they vary. Bill Place will review.
6. Style of signal poles – shiny painted finish or matte? Black or green? Plain or ornamental? Frank Riepe circulated several design styles. These details will need to be worked out before going out to bid.

Compensation to First Parish was also discussed. They had produced a list of concerns in May 2012 and have asked that the Town commit to these items now, before the vote on June 25. Jody Kablack had spoken with Bill Place about the list, and most items are either on the design plan or can be incorporated into the Landscape Plan. The items that have not yet been discussed or approved are the lease of the Town Common, the need for a roadway easement and the execution of a construction license to protect the First Parish property during construction. Jody will discuss the possibility of the Town Manager writing a commitment letter to assuage First Parish's concerns.

The Committee agreed that if the ballot is passed, another meeting will be convened to finalize some of the details discussed tonight.

The minutes of January 31, 2012 and April 16, 2013 were approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.