

Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee
Minutes
9/20/16
6:00 p.m.
Flynn Bldg

PRESENT: Committee Members: Frank Riepe, Deborah Kruskal, Richard Davidson, Eva MacNeill, and June Allen
Town Staff: Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues, Scott Nix, and Meagen Donoghue

Town Manager Melissa Murphy-Rodrigues indicated she called the meeting because there were several new staff, including Director of Planning, Meagen Donoghue, whom she introduced.

Ms. Murphy-Rodrigues also discussed much of the Town Center work was complete, but needed to figure out what was complete and paid for, versus remaining projects. She also noted two projects were removed from the scope including walkways and gores. Police Chief and interim DPW Director Scott Nix explained the walkways did not meet ADA compliance stating that they were not graded to the correct plans and the irrigation system was already installed. The gores were taken out because of snow plows. Frank refuted it because the walkway does not have to be in compliance.

Ms. Murphy-Rodrigues also indicated there are more projects than there is funding, and is looking for direction for prioritization. She further noted there is \$144,000 left in the project budget. She said CPA funds could be used for the 3rd and final planting and the funding is not finite and could go for a request if a few years.

Mr. Riepe expressed his concerns about the timeline and finalizing projects.

Chief Nix indicated he was concerned about the light posts, mentioning they were made out of wood and were going into only 4 feet in the ground. He said he would talk to Town Electrician Art Richards and noted the conduits are already in place. Ms. Murphy-Rodrigues noted Mr. Richards was never involved in the project, but Bill Place was, originally. Chief Nix noted 24 posts were to be installed and 10 are in storage. Ms. Murphy-Rodrigues stated that we have determine if we can install the light posts in-house or to go out to bid.

Ms. Murphy-Rodrigues noted that \$1500 would be saved because of removing the gores from the project scope. Mr. Riepe stated the granite was paid for and stored at the DPW building, and all they have to do is install it. Chief Nix indicated that snow plows would destroy the gores. Mr. Riepe said these were part of the approved design for both beauty and safety and a special set of design solutions was implemented for a special problem for a special place. Mr. Riepe gave Ms. Rodrigues a set of photos of gore installation in Wayland, which could be a model of what could be built. Chief Nix stated the price, priority and safety all have to be put in perspective.

Mr. Riepe said he always assumed they would construct the elements of the project using the Town's own forces. Ms. Murphy-Rodrigues said the Town needs to get costs first and go from there. Mr. Riepe indicated that Bill Place said the Town will work on the granite gores but the only concern was whether they were raised or flush.

Ms. Murphy-Rodrigues stated the Chapter 90 funds being used to fund the project were quickly diminishing and said that very few remaining aspects of this project can be reimbursed.

Discussion regarding moving the transformers ensued as a conduit has been dug on the property of the church and needs to go along the road to the cemetery. It was mentioned that Bill Place was going to build a concrete pad for this situation.

Ms. Kruskal noted there was no wayfinding and placers should be considered for prioritization

Ms. Murphy-Rodrigues reviewed the October 21, 2016 minutes regarding the gores and reiterated the Town will get the quotes first.

Mr. Riepe asked how come Griffin Masonry had not been paid. Ms. Murphy Rodrigues indicated the project had not gone out to bid correctly and is working with the Commonwealth's Inspector General's office. She noted that the Town may be able to apply to the Sudbury Foundation to assist with the payment of some of the outstanding bills.

Mr. Kruskal asked about moving the flag pole and noted Bill Place said he would move it. Ms. Murphy-Rodrigues said she was not sure which flagpole was moved.

Sudbury Resident Henry Noor of Goodman's Hill Road expressed disappointment with the fence and finds the pipes for railings a puzzle. Mr. Riepe noted it will be painted and many places across New England have the same bars. Mr. Noor noted it will be hard to see the people holding signs during voting season because of the fence.

Motioned to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.