Sudbury Center Improvement Advisory Committee Meeting Notes 6/1/18 9:00 a.m. Flynn Bldg.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Frank Riepe, Deborah Kruskal, Richard Davison, Pat Brown, Resident: Marie Royea, Thursday Garden Club Town Staff: Dan Nason, DPW Director, Meagen Donoghue, Planning Director

Call to Order: 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Brown discussed remaining funds, suggesting the Committee focus on providing recommendations within budget to the Board of Selectman of what still needs to be completed. Mr. Riepe added the money allocated from the CPC could not fund all of the priorities including the transformer, crosswalk signal, and walkways.

Ms. Kruskal suggested looking at the stonewall at Grinnell Park—does the Committee want to complete the entire wall, or end it where it is now and loam and seed the remaining area, and come back at a later date.

Mr. Nason indicated he will compose a scope of services to complete the wall and then calculate the numbers accordingly.

Mr. Riepe stated the remaining funds should go toward finishing up the Town Common and focus on Grinnell at a later date.

Discussion ensued about adding another walkway in the center of the Common. Mr. Nason indicated the DPW can absorb the costs on the walkway with his funding, but not until after July 1, 2018.

Ms. Royea of the Thursday Garden Club spoke of how her organization and the Sudbury Garden Club inherits spaces that they do not ask for and they are strained as it is. She expressed concern over any more landscaping they may need to attend to at both the Common and Grinnell Park. She added there are very few resources such as access to water all summer to keep the flower beds hydrated.

Discussion returned to recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Kruskal noted the stone wall at Grinnell and moving the transformer at First Parish. Ms. Brown informed the group that the Town cannot go on private property and negotiations will have to take place with Eversource. Mr. Riepe indicated the former director of planning Jody Kablack was in talks with Eversource. Ms. Brown suggested asking the CPC if the transformers fall under historic, recreation or open space.

Discussion continued about the Common being more pedestrian friendly.

Ms. Brown suggested having all of the Town Center stakeholders including the First Parish, Historical Commission, the Sudbury Foundation, Presbyterian Church, the Sudbury Garden Club, the Thursday Garden Club, the Sudbury Historical Society, and the Planning Board, meet on June 15, 2018 to discuss the final efforts of the Sudbury Town Center project.

Motioned to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.