

Minutes

Downtown Plan Implementation Committee

September 1, 2016

Town Hall Room 201 9:00 AM

Note: These are “action minutes” of the meeting as previously agreed to by the DPIC. The entire meeting was recorded and can be viewed on the Town’s website.

DPIC Attendance: Melissa Kane (Co-chairperson), Dewey Loselle(Co-chairperson), Jessica Newshel, Foti Koskinas, Steve Desloge, Jen Fava, Gary Conrad, Ken Bernhard, Steve Palmer, Matthew Mandell, Lois Schine, Pippa Bell Ader, Peter Ratkiewich, Tony Riggio

DPIC Unavailable: Craig Schiavone, Randy Herbertson, Steve Smith, Steve Edwards, Alicia Mozian

Last month’s minutes approved

Elm Street Update - Steve Palmer discussed the Elm Street swap proposal. Roughly an equal land swap is proposed by David Adam Realty. David Adam Realty would like to swap the Land located at 36 Elm Street with a portion of the Northern Elm Street/Baldwin Lot located on Elm Street behind Brooks Corner. Full details available at www.36elmswap.com. As a result of the proposed swap, a 64 space lot would become available to the town. In return, the developer would be able to build a mixed-use building on the other lot. Net additional parking spaces would be approximately 7-9. Steve Palmer stated his support for the project which is in line with downtown planning goals. All related costs are to be born by the developer. The meeting to discuss the project is scheduled for September 15. Committee members asked about possibilities for green space and discussed how this proposal affects other plans for downtown.

Dewey presented a draft resolution to support the 8-24 submission before P&Z related to the potential swap of land on Elm Street. All members voted in favor - Matt Mandell and Steve Palmer abstained.

Ron Holtz came to talk about the possibility of seasonal valet parking. He stated that valet parking spaces take up almost half as much space as a regular parking space. Valet parking in our area runs around \$10. Ron suggested we put out an RFP to valet parking companies and focus on insurance and quality. Roger Leifer suggested smart parking solutions may help for the long term. Working group will be created and get together to discuss this possibility.

P5 - Pete said the design for Elm Street is almost complete. It is similar to Main Street’s streetscape. It includes a reconfigured intersection of Main and Elm. Design is in sync with the proposed land swap. Large costs could arise from burying utilities on Elm Street.

M1/M2 - Looking into funding possibilities for having ConnDOT do a corridor study.

M9 - Melissa put in a grant request for standard bike racks.

P2- Imperial Ave sidewalk is almost complete. RTM next week for funding for design for additional sidewalks to connect Main St north to downtown (from Daybreak Nursery to Coffee An').

PK2 - Trustees came back with another concept which the lawyers are looking at.

Library is on the agenda for the Board of Selectman for the end of the month. DPIC will attend to show support and discuss related projects.

M8- Considering two locations for bus shelters one in front of Bedford Square and the other between Jesup Road and the bridge.

M5/M6 - Wayfinding RFP is due back September 13.

P4 - Waiting for HDC approval for Toquet Hall sign.

The next meeting will be tentatively held on Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 9 am.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Recorded by Jessica Newshel
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