

Minutes

Downtown Plan Implementation Committee

September 14, 2017

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), Craig Schiavone, Jen Fava, Randy Herbertson, Jessica Newshel, Mary Young, Alicia Mozian, Ken Bernhard, Steve Edwards, Steve Desloge, Pippa Bell Ader, Matthew Mandell, Foti Koskinas (with Sam Arciola and Alan D’Amura), Steve Smith.

DPIC Unavailable: Peter Ratkiewich, Gary Conrad, Tony Riggio,Lois Schine

July minutes were approved.

P4. Toquet Hall working on storage space and kitchen. Would like to know if improvements to date have made an impact on usage by teens.

P5. Elm Street. All the details have been worked out and the paperwork to approve the swap will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen this month.

PK2. Deal has been worked out with the trustees of the private lot and the lease agreement has been sent to them for approval.

G2. Working group and DMA have come up with a short term plan for the lot. The topic will be on the Board of Finance agenda in October for the appropriation of funds for the relocation of electric, a concrete pad for new dumpsters, and restoration of old dumpster locations after they have been relocated. Foti commented that Parker Harding really needs to be redone. Safety is a big concern, but police department resources are not available right now to constantly monitor the traffic around the lot. Lots of other projects in the works(library and Elm street) so phasing of any lot improvements need to be considered carefully. While greater improvements are necessary, would like to just start off with the smaller stuff. Inexpensive opportunity to work on our partnership with the DMA to improve downtown. These smaller improvements are not contrary to any larger redevelopment of the lot.

G2. Randy noted DMA will be going to landlord and merchants with comprehensive plan including snow removal, landscaping, and trash. Additional costs will be picked up by private and public sectors.

W5. Stream study is almost complete. Culvert design completion delayed because of change of ownership in Sconset Square. Aquarion was supposed to do water line replacement but has held off until the Spring. Therefore, no sidewalk work on Myrtle can be done until Aquarion work is complete.

P2. Myrtle Avenue. Line of sight problems for crossings at Evergreen and Myrtle. Police and town engineers are working together to find a plan to improve the safety of this area. An appropriation for redesign of the intersection would be required to move this project along. Once the survey comes from Aquarion then the project can move forward. Steve Edwards will bring a number for the appropriation at our next meeting. Change of signal timing on Post Road has affected a backup of traffic on Myrtle.

M1/M2. We are in scope development with WestCOG for a corridor study. Going for an appropriation for our share of the study at the next board of finance meeting. Study should begin in the next couple of months. Study will run from East Main through Riverside Ave.

P8. A chance to partner with the Arts Advisory Committee, who is looking at public art with auto cast in order to promote. Project to highlight the art and then will hopefully expand to the cultural part as well. Recently retained funding for the auto cast.

Fairfield '5" Discussion. Economic development initiative which includes Greenwich, Stamford, Norwalk, Westport and Fairfield. Work as a group to attract the kind of businesses we would like to see in our area in the future. From a residential standpoint, bringing a big business to Stamford might increase demand for housing in Westport. Real Estate showcase in NYC on November 2 - speak with brokers, business people who are looking to relocate.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am. Next meeting is October 5th at 9:00am in Room 201.

Recorded by Jessica Newshel
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