

The Long Range Planning Committee of the RTM met on May 15 at 7PM in room 201 Town hall. Present were J. Klinge, R. Burkhardt, L. Milwe, K. Kramer, L. Church, P. Gold, C. Shaum from LRP and RTM member J. Bram. Discussion subjects were the four projects identified for further investigation at the last meeting.

1. Research repositioning NIKE Site on Bayberry as working Historic Facility for use by school students, residents and interested visitors.

* Assistance is requested from Moderator Jeff Wieser to set up a meeting with Jen Tooker so Jack Klinge can explain Plan objectives and begin work starting with a visit inside the facilities located by the Observatory.

* E. Lautenberg is arranging a meeting with staff member of Jim Himes office to gain support leading to government financial and material assistance.

* We now know that both CT and Westport Historic Commissions have written letters to file supporting maintenance of the facility.

* We will look into contacting similar NIKE facility in Gateway National Park, NJ.

2. Bike Paths/Sidewalks Plans with Public Works. PW Director informed Peter Gold that all his activity is noted in 10 year capital forecast, and very few roads were sized to include bike paths. Decision was made not to pursue project,

3. Acquisition of Property for Town Use. Danielle Dobin informed LRP that P&Z was working on a similar project and welcomed assistance. A list of town owned property was obtained from P & Z in Town Hall. It can be broken into categories by current computer system. Also, will look at appropriate commercial property and be aware of private opportunities. Ross Burkhardt will follow up on this project.

4. Early Intervention by appropriate RTM Committee Chairs into town projects which could benefit from early input from their members. Ideally provide input before RFP specs completed and before presentation to BOF. Looking for support from First Selectwoman.

5. New Project (replace Bike Paths). Peter Gold recommended the LRP work with Transit to create a Master Plan for own Transit. Synergy with Peter's involvement in both groups. Draft set of guidelines for next steps. Use of consultant suggested - also complete review of previous transit studies and current system. Burkhardt noted UCONN Transit Department and Milwe/Shaum noted Harvard Partners as possible consultants. LRP members noted above will contact these groups.....Milwe/Shaum to lead project at inception.

Next Meeting between June 15 & 20. Please let me know ASAP your available dates.

Jack Klinge LRP Chair