

Belchertown EDIC
November 15, 2017 Meeting

Members

Bill Terry ___x___ Jonathan Spiegel ___x___ Beth Maroney ___x___
Kirk Stephens ___x___ Bob Rivard ___x___ Rich Kump ___0___

Meeting Open __7:00 p.m.____
Small Meeting Room, Town Hall
Guest, Presenters, Observers;
Claire O'Neill, Mass Development
Doug Albertson, Town Planner
Pat Barry, Media

Agenda Item #1 Adoption of Minutes 10/18 Regular Meeting

Bill Terry moved to accept the minutes as presented
Kirk Stephens seconded Voted 4- 0 – 1 (Jonathan Spiegel abstained)

Executive Meeting Minutes 10/18

Bill Terry moved to accept the minutes as presented
Beth Maroney seconded Voted 4 – 0 – 1 (Jonathan Spiegel abstained)

Agenda Item #2 Payables

No invoices submitted at this time.

Agenda Item #3 Additions to Agenda *Naming the Road*

Mr. Terry opened a discussion of the Road Name for the main thoroughfare to Jackson St. Each member expressed opinions on Carriage Grove Road, Bucky Randall and Mason Abbey, as alternative names. Mr. Stephens indicated that he would like us to consider Carriage Drive as his choice of Road names. Everyone had a chance to weigh in and some members were inclined to amend their first choice name from Carriage Grove Road to Carriage Drive, which seemed to be emerging as the consensus. After some discussion of intersection configurations at Jackson St. and other matters, the Board was prepared to Vote.

Bob Rivard Moved to designate the new roadway connecting from Front St. to Jackson St. as Carriage Drive, from the Assisted Living Facility all the way to Jackson St.

Ms. O'Neill interjected that we should consider that the Grantham Group has an address on Front St. and try to eliminate confusion in the future by limiting the designation of Carriage Drive as extending from Jackson St. only to the point where it intersects with Front St.

Mr. Rivard accepted the friendly amendment to his motion. Jonathan Spiegel Seconded the Amended Motion to designate Carriage Drive as ending at Front St.

Voted 5 – 0 – 0

Agenda Item #4 Development Status

Claire O'Neill updated the Board on status of the Bid for demolition of Dorm G which is due on Thursday, November 16th. She indicated that the viewing sessions were well attended with six parties in attendance at each of the walk-through meetings. Three of the contractors that have already participated in removing some of the existing buildings and cottages were in attendance. The Winning Bid will be voted on by the MassDev Board in December and awarded in January. The expected time frame for abatement and demolition is six months, sometime at the end of June 2018.

Ms. O'Neill responded to questions about which buildings were in the road layout which is being finalized and indicated that the garages seemed to be the significant building components to be in the actual roadway layout although several of the buildings would be in close proximity to the layout. Ms. O'Neill discussed shifting the roundabout 50 feet to keep some significant trees that were planted in a long row. They were in good condition and would provide some good screening. She also discussed the width of the roadway and incorporating a sidewalk on one side and including a bike lane at some distance off the centerline of the road as well as providing some visitor parking around the Jackson St. intersection to accommodate walkers and bikers. Discussion continued of how the new amenities for pedestrians would connect to the sewer easement, to Foley Field and the rest of the site down to the Farm.

Mr. Albertson talked a bit about the work being done by Andrew Kilduff for the Planning Department. He is presenting to the Planning Board on November 28th and Board members were invited to attend and make recommendations. Mr. Kilduff is working with the Schools, the Rec Department, integrating Lake Wallace with the trail system. Folks are volunteering to do some trail clearing.

Mr. Terry mentioned that it would be good if Mr. Stephens and Mr. Kuc could get a walk and talk together to scope out possible sites for some judicious clearing to better appreciate the view from the ridge and also to try and locate several bench sites for resting. In addition Mr. Terry asked Mr. Stephens talk to Mr. Kuc about developing cost estimates for clearing those areas. Mr. Stephens mentioned that he would approach the site from his rented land down the hill with a backhoe to see if he can gain some connectivity from there through the overgrown portions of an old wood road. Mr. Spiegel mentioned that there was some reclamation happening on the wooded side of Lampson Brook.

Discussion ensued of the complexities of the railroad intersection on Jackson St. and how that would mesh with Carriage Drive. Ms. O'Neill indicated that she would be setting up a meeting with Mr. Williams to discuss that.

Ms. O'Neill brought the Board up to speed on the roadway work being done by the Town. The recent rain has made the prospects of base coat paving a little iffy since the contractor has not be able to properly compact the road fill material. They hoped to have a base coat put down on November 29th weather permitting. Some severely large boulders were excavated from the road bed and a discussions ensued about the placement on site of large boulders. Ms. O'Neill discussed the site topography and wetlands that may involve some addendums to the roadwork. Ms. O'Neill also brought up the rear entry to the Administration Building that was observed to be leaking from the roof into the small foyer area there. Mr. Terry asked that Mr. Stephens look into it and perhaps include that repair in the list for Mr. Kuc.

Agenda Item #5 Security

Mr. Stephens indicated that the roadwork has provided a level of security on site that we have not had for some time. Workers presence on a daily basis has been an important additional tool in terms of site security.

Agenda Item #6 Member Time

Hearing no further discussion Mr. Terry thanked the Board and closed the Regular Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

Voted 6 – 0 – 0

Respectfully Submitted

Bob Rivard,

Director