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Oxford Main Street Project Committee
Regular Meeting
Tuesday, July 28, 2020
12:30 PM - Virtual Meeting/Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Kathleen O'Neil at 12:31 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Chairman Kathleen O'Neil, Vice Chairman Tony SanAngelo, Mary LoPresti, Pat Cocchiarella, Susan Kovacs, Tanya Carver, Mary Beth Nelsen

Absent: Robbi Costigan, Chrissy Kimball

Also Present: Megan Miller (B&B Engineering), Bryan Nesteriak (B&B Engineering), Nicholas Kavadas (Milone & MacBroom), Aaron Budris (NVCOG), Casey Hardin (TranSystems), Bob Burke

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Vice Chairman Tony SanAngelo moved to accept the 7/14/20 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented. This was seconded by Pat Cocchiarella. All Ayes. Motion carries.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

None.

AUDIENCE OF CITIZENS

Chairman Kathleen O'Neil welcomed Bob Burke, of Oxford Greens, to the meeting. He is a retired town planner and is going to be a member of the design subcommittee for OMSP. He worked on a project similar to OMSP in Canton, CT.

OLD BUSINESS

Chairman's Report

Chairman Kathleen O'Neil shared that letters went out to homeowners whose properties are adjacent to the Main Street Project as required by the CT Connectivity Grant. There

has been no response. Some signs are in the right of way. Stacey Marcell, of Northeast Horticultural Services, has been approved through LoCIP.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 12:45-1:15 Presentation by Bryan Nesteriak and Megan Miller of the sample lamps and benches possible for the Connecticut Community Connectivity Grant (CCCCG)

Megan Miller, of B&B Engineering, presented a PowerPoint to the Committee. Different benches, their options and price ranges were reviewed. Questions and discussion with Committee members. Bryan Nesteriak, B&B Engineering, emphasized the necessity for timeliness in choosing the bench and securing a price. The concrete bench slab will serve as an anchor for the bench and will be a separate price.

Megan Miller reviewed the lighting for the project. There will be 13 light poles total. Location and distance from the walkways were discussed. A recommended 10' to 12' maximum pole was discussed, as well as the luminary options. Discussion and questions from the committee. Pat Cocchiarella questioned if the lights are dark sky compliant. Dark sky compliance is part of the State statute. The running of electrical lines is included in the bid. The next OMSP meeting will include a discussion to determine benches and lighting.

2. 1:15-2:00 Presentation by TranSystems and NVCOG Alternate Transportation Study: Existing Conditions Technical Memorandum. Q & A

Aaron Budris, of NVCOG, introduced Casey Hardin, of TranSystems, and Nick Kavadas, of Milone & MacBroom. Casey discussed the routing next steps. The conclusions of the traffic volume study Rt. 67 and the bridges were shared. Bridge conditions will be documented and recommendations made. DOT will need to address functionally obsolete bridges, as well as railing conditions; separate pre-fab structures may be recommended based on timing and cost. A recommendation of a multi-mode walkway with a width of 10' to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists was discussed.

Nick Kavadas discussed the trail routing and parklets along the river. Boardwalks and retaining walls may be needed near wetlands. Pedestrian crossings will be explored. Sites will be studied for either widening existing bridges or creating new bridges, whichever is more cost effective. Rt. 67 will become the Town's Main Street, with created parklets for people to stop and enjoy the route. The path connects the environmental and commercial resources. Bob Burke stated that the Collinsville, CT project tremendously increased business development and growth. Chairman Kathleen O'Neil commented that a route off Rt. 67 may also offer interest to the trail. Discussion ensued concerning advertisement of the project, traffic crossings, traffic calming. Also discussed were shuttle transportation options along the Rt. 67 corridor.

A review of next year's schedule for the routing study includes trail routing, transit and wrap-up in the Spring of 2021.

Zoom was discussed among Committee members upon closing of the presentations.

MOTION:

Susan Kovacs moved to make Zoom OMSP's virtual platform. This was seconded by Pat Cocchiarella. All Ayes. Motion carries.

Discussion: None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION:

Mary Beth Nelsen moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 PM. This was seconded by Pat Cocchiarella. All Ayes. Motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary LoPresti", followed by a horizontal line.

Mary LoPresti
OMSP Committee Member