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Conservation Commission Minutes
Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Approved: May 23, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 3:40 pm by Chair Leah Basbanes
Members present: Judy Larter, Alan Chaney and Bill Moeller
Member absent: Juan Amodei, Marilyn Pike, Jeff Haight
Meeting held: At the Dunstable Town Hall– 511 Main Street– Upper Level

Main Street Reconstruction Project

Mr. Chaney started the discussion by articulating three issues in front of the commission.

1. Wetlands: There is 1500 square feet of impact. There was question of where the compensatory storage area would be. The Commission was concerned that there would be additional wetland buffer burden placed on abutters depending on where the compensatory storage would be located. This would have to be discussed when any right of way issued for the road are solved.
2. Drainage: Stormwater run-off would have to be addressed in the project. The Commission will want to review the detail of any drainage structures and a future stormwater management plan.
3. Culvert: What will the wildlife standard be for the culvert? They would like to have input in the design choices. The Town Administrator will ask the Commission Secretary to find out what species is in the Natural Heritage area abutting the project.

The commission would like to minimize the impervious surface area of the project to minimize impacts. For this reason, and other, the Commission would like to see the area of the sidewalk in front of the cemetery eliminated.

Aesthetically speaking, as it impacts their area of jurisdiction, there is concern over the width of the roadway. The grass divider proposed between the sidewalk and the roadway in some of the concepts seems superfluous. This area would likely not be maintained and at risk of low vegetation survival from the road treatments in the winter. Therefore, the Commission would like the sidewalk to abut the roadway. If the sidewalk is the proposed 4' recommended by the historical commission there would need to be a passing lane every 200 feet that is 5' x 5' wide. There would need to be 7 of these.

After much continued discussion of road width. And after reviewing the comments of the Safe Pathways Committee and Historical Commission, the Commission decided to recommend 11' travel lanes, 3' shoulders and a 5' sidewalk. Space for a sidewalk would be left in front of the cemetery for possible future development.

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Hutton
Town Administrator

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