

Minutes

Halls Road Improvement Committee Minutes Old Lyme Town Hall January 13, 2016

Present: BJ Bernblum, Diane Birdsall, Michael Lech, Frank Morelli, Michael Perks, Mike D'Occhio, Lindsay Eisensmith, First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder, and Bud Canady via phone.

Absent: Jim Graybill.

Chairman BJ Bernblum convened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Approval of minutes of December 13 2015

A motion to approve minutes as presented was made by Michael Perks , seconded by Frank Morelli. **So voted.**

Mission Statement

BJ Bernblum, Diane Birdsall and Michael Perks each distributed their Mission Statement to committee members. Committee members were asked to draft his or her version of such a "mission statement" and to email it to the secretary (mperks1@aol.com) in advance of the next meeting. It is expected that these statements will be discussed at the next meeting.

Halls Road Streetscape Improvements Presentation

Derek Kohl and Dominick Celtruda of BL Companies, a Connecticut based engineering and surveying, environmental and architectural firm with substantial experience in landscape architecture and streetscape design and development, made a very comprehensive presentation addressing the issues and the process that will likely be involved in the project. The slides from this presentation are attached for the record. A summary of their presentation included the following:

- BL Companies - Overview.
- Core and Major Services.
- BL Companies Experience - Streetscapes, CTDOT, Traffic Signal Design, Construction Inspection and Funding Sources.
- Review of Master Plan, Design, Bid Phase And Construction Process.
- Design Considerations.
- Project Issues and Opportunities.
- CTDOT Design Process.
- Public Involvement And Outreach.

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- The Next Steps:
 - Develop the preliminary vision.
 - Define the preliminary limits.
 - Understand funding alternatives.
 - Engage consultant.
 - Start master planning.

Derek Kohl offered to develop pro bono a complementary Halls Road Improvement "Concept Plan". BJ Bernblum thanked Derek Kohl and Dominick Celtruda for their presentation, time and interest in the Halls Road project and said the committee would review their offer at the next committee meeting and respond at that time.

There was a consensus that the committee discuss, at our next meeting, advertising for RFQ from firms interested in developing plans for the Halls Road Improvement project.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by BJ Bernblum at 9:15 PM, seconded Michael Perks.
So voted.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Perks
Secretary