

Minutes

Halls Road Improvement Committee Minutes
Old Lyme Town Hall
February 4, 2016

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

Absent: Diane Birdsall.

Chairman BJ Bernblum convened the meeting at 6:38 PM.

Approval of minutes of January 13, 2016

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

BJ Bernblum provided a copy of committee members contact list to each member.

Vision and Mission Statement

Draft mission statements by committee members were distributed to the committee. After much discussion, a modified version of Bud Canady's Mission Statement was agreed upon as a committee's Vision Statement, reading as follows:

"The mission of the Halls Road Improvement Committee is to create a vibrant, pleasant and inviting atmosphere in the Halls Road District in keeping with the small New England village characteristic of the town Old Lyme."

A motion to approve the draft Vision Statement was made by Michael Perks seconded by BJ Bernblume. **So voted.**

The committee then discussed a Mission Statement setting forth the objectives to be accomplished to realize the vision. No agreement was reached on the wording of this Mission Statement, but there was a consensus that it should embody the following concepts:

- Aesthetics
- Recreation/Social Connectivity
- Intermodal transportation
- Economic Development
- Mixed Use Properties: Office/Retail/Residential

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Committee members were asked to draft their versions of such a "mission statement" and to email it to Lindsay Eisensmith, who would compile the responses for discussion at the next meeting.

Halls Road Streetscape Improvements.

BJ Bernblum then raised Derek Kohl's (BL Companies's) offer to develop pro bono a preliminary, Halls Road Improvement "Concept Plan". There was a consensus to accept this offer, however First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder would pass the proposal by the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) to determine whether it raises any concerns.

Michael Lech introduced concept drawings which were provided by BL Company. The drawings included Retail/Residential Townhouses running along Halls Road as well as a center meridian, the committee felt the drawings were very helpful in stimulating conceptual ideas.

Lindsay Eisensmith suggested the committee define the geographic area that would include the Halls Road Improvements. After much discussion the following geographic area was agreed upon:

" From the triangle at the base of Sill Lane, South on Rt.1 (Lyme Street) under highway to the I95 Northbound on-ramp, across Halls Road, including Davis Road East and West and Huntley road, South on Rt 156 from Halls Road under the highway to the exit off-ramp of I95 Northbound".

Michael Perks asked First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder if a file for the Halls Road Improvement Committee documents would be provided at Old Lyme Town Hall, she confirmed this would be provided.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by BJ Bernblum at 8:40 PM, seconded Michael Perks.
So voted.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Perks
Secretary