

TOWN OF STOW
Lower Village Sub-Committee

Minutes of the May 10, 2006, Lower Village Sub-Committee Meeting.

Present: Committee Members: Don McPherson, Russ Willis, Karen Kelleher and Barbara Sipler

Associate Member: Phil Moseley

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

Meeting Space

Karen Kelleher reported that she met with the new owner of the Faxon Professional Building, Linda DiStefano. Linda offered the use of her upstairs office space for the Lower Village/Planning Board meeting on the Traffic Study update. She will provide a key to the building for the Committee to set up tables and chairs on Friday night. Karen also reported that Linda DiStefano agreed to provide coffee and donuts and balloons at the door.

Barbara Sipler asked if she could set up the Historical Commission's table at the Faxon Professional Building, if it rains. Karen said she didn't see a problem and would check with the owner.

Karen Kelleher also reported that Gary Hebert of FST is available to present the final update and will have a video to demonstrate a small roundabout. He will also bring a large poster, which, Karen said, can be used for SpringFest.

Publicity

Karen Kelleher reported that she posted notices at Meeting House. Don McPherson agreed to post them at the Post Office, and Phil Moseley and Barbara Sipler agreed to post them at Lower Village Businesses and the Library.

Business Participation

Karen Kelleher reported that Carol Avery of ERA called to advise that they will participate in the event. They will hand out flower seeds and may do face painting. They were initially concerned about pedestrian crossing because they were told that the Town was not going to place cones at the crosswalks. Karen forwarded an e-mail notice to business owners advising that cones will be placed at the crosswalks.

Karen Wright of WrightTouch Massage also called to advise that she will also participate and asked if she could set up on the common. Karen told her that it shouldn't be a problem and would check with the Committee. Committee members have no objection. Karen Wright said that she would also encourage other business owners in her building to participate.

TRAFFIC STUDY

Members discussed the recommendations in Technical Memorandum 4. Don McPherson voiced concern about the omission of a roundabout at the west end of Lower Village. He feels that, even though private property is involved, it is important that a roundabout be shown on the plan.

Russ Willis moved to accept Don McPherson's proposal to incorporate a second roundabout at the west end of Lower Village. The motion was seconded by Barbara Sipler. Members noted reasons for a roundabout at the west end of Lower Village:

- It provides a way to change direction in the Lower Village without the need for a traffic signal.
- It enables right turns out of all driveways in order to go left.
- It will alleviate problems at Elm Ridge Road and Bradley Lane.

Members agreed on the following preferred sequence for implementation:

- East Roundabout
- West Roundabout
- Traffic signal as last resort

Karen Kelleher will notify Gary Hebert of the Committee's vote and request that it be incorporated into his plan update. Karen Kelleher will also advise Gary Hebert that there was only one Planning Board Member (who agreed with the Committee's position) present.

Barbara Sipler noted concern about the Shopping Center parking area shown on the plan that cuts into the common. Karen Kelleher said she thought the parking area was included to alleviate the Shopping Center owner's concern about loss of parking spaces.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Kelleher
Member