

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
WORK SESSION
JULY 12, 2010**

Present: Ted Goodwin, Chairman
Thomas Creamer
Mary Blanchard
Scott Garieri
Shaun Suhoski, Town Administrator

Planning Board Members:
Sandra Gibson-Quigley, Chairman
Russell Chamberland
Penny Dumas

Jean Bubon, Town Planner
Greg Morse, DPW Director

The Chairman called the work session to order at 6:30 p.m. following the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Overview of Commercial Tourist District Revitalization Study
Implementation Plan**

Sandra Gibson-Quigley, Chairman of the Planning Board, along with Russell Chamberland, Penny Dumas, Jean Bubon and Greg Morse, reviewed the Commercial Tourist District Revitalization Study Implementation Plan with the Board. The vision statement was read into the record.

Goal 1 was to facilitate walkability, expand and improve sidewalks on both sides of Route 20 along the entire Commercial Tourist District Corridor. Goal 2 was to implement traffic calming measures to reduce travel speeds and increase predictability with regard to turning movements. Goal 3 was to enhance the pedestrian experience along the CT District Corridor by adding attractive consistent streetscape elements. Goal 4 was to develop public parking spaces in this District to encourage walking between various areas of shops and restaurants.

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Goal 5 was to establish small pocket parks in front of setback areas to make this section more appealing to pedestrians. Goal 6 was to facilitate the development/redevelopment of vacant or underutilized properties to enhance this District's draw as a commercial center. Goal 7 was to encourage attractive, effective signage throughout the CT District that is consistent with a unifying New England village these in design and size and that is readable by passing

motorists. Goal 8 was to facilitate development and redevelopment that is consistent with a unifying design theme for architecture/building facades of new or expanded structures and site design. Goal 9 was to create a physical and conceptual connection between the Commercial Tourist District and the Quinebaug River, nearby ponds and trails. M. Dowling suggested that the grass in the triangle area be included for revitalization, although it is not part of the commercial/tourist district.

It was the consensus of the Board to support these goals, and to bring Mass DOT into the project early to build a relationship with them.

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Brick Sidewalks

Michael Glick of the Publick House and Greg Morse, DPW Director discussed sidewalk options with the Board. G. Morse expressed concern about maintenance of a brick sidewalk. He stressed the importance of providing a thick asphalt base of 7" for the imprint system.

MOTION: To authorize the Town Administrator to convey to Mass. Highway to install brick sidewalks on concrete base from Town Hall to Charlton Street, and opposite from the Center Office Building to end at the Chamberlain house driveway; also to include cement on the corner opposite Town Hall at Main and Haynes Streets; if the cost exceeds \$200,000, then the Board will schedule another meeting for Thursday, July 15, 2010, by T. Creamer.

2nd: M. Blanchard

Vote: Three in favor; S. Garieri and M. Blanchard opposed.

MOTION: To adjourn, by T. Creamer

2nd: M. Blanchard

Vote: All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Knowles

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Clerk