

Town of Somers
Somersville Planning Committee
Somers, Connecticut 06071

Committee Minutes
April 24, 2008
Lower Level Conference Room
Town Hall

Call to Order

Chairman David Reed called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

Attendance

Present were David Reed, Ron Elliott, Barry Moynihan, Everett Morrill, Bob Cafarelli and First Selectman, David Pinney.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ron Elliott and seconded by David Reed that the minutes of the previous meeting be approved without change. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Review Funding Options

David Reed reviewed the funding that is available presently for the project. Currently there is a \$200,000 STEAP grant for sidewalks and \$380,000 for traffic control. In addition, it was mentioned that an additional \$400,000 may be available, which funds were granted to the town for bridge repair work. However it was decided that the current budget the committee will work with is \$580,000.

Other Discussion

During this segment of the meeting the issue of drainage was discussed and that the

early estimates for cost were in the \$200,000 range. Further discussion ensued as to easement issues and other alternatives for the water flow but each situation will involve the DOT.

David Pinney spoke to the issue of getting a representative from CRCOG involved in the planning and potential implementation of various facets of the project. CRCOG specializes in transportation planning and is conversant with the State and DOT particularly. They are also useful in soliciting federal funds for projects. David Pinney will ask a member from CRCOG to attend the next scheduled meeting to meet with the committee.

Recognizing that the majority of work will transpire on Main St. and as such will require a significant amount of involvement with the State, the discussion shifted to potential prioritization of projects on School and Maple St. As these are town roads the burden of state involvement is removed and projects could advance more rapidly. Further discussion ensued as to whether or not projects on the secondary prioritization, School and Maple Street, would suffice as progress to the main objective of revitalizing Main Street.

It was also brought up that perhaps there should be two plans of approach on the project. One involving the State's involvement and the other without.

There was brief discussion concerning a meeting with Somerville residents however no formal resolution was reached.

Next Steps

- . Meet with the representative of CRCOG
- . Identify issues with DOT as concerns Main Street work
- . Identify and prioritize projects utilizing the funds set aside in the budget

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Ron Elliott seconded by David Reed and was approved. The meeting was officially adjourned at 8.17 p. m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ronald L. Elliott,

Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting.