

Town of Somers
Somersville Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 21st, 2008
Somers Town Hall (Lower Level)

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by the Chairman.
2. Members present were David Reed, Chairman, Ron Elliot, Ann Levesque and Bob Caffarelli, Town Engineer/DPW Director; also present was David Pinney, 1st Selectman.
3. David Pinney reported that he was still awaiting a call from Tom Maziarz regarding the interface between the Town, CROCOG and the State DOT.
4. Bob Caffarelli provided a sketch of the existing Recreational Area by the Mill Pond. Discussion revolved around a gazebo in the area, and parking improvements, specifically some mechanism to guide drivers into parking their cars in identified spaces. This then led to a discussion about the former American Legion Building, in use currently as a rehearsal hall for the Village Players. It was questioned if it would be possible to relocate the building in another spot. Ann Levesque volunteered to talk with Jeff Lipton regarding locating this near to Johanna's where the plays are presented. Bob Caffarelli would try to get some rough cost estimates for such a venture.
5. Bob Caffarelli also has inquired about costs to relocate utility poles along School Street to a better position than in the street. He is also asking about the possibility of relocating power lines underground.
6. Next, we discussed combining the relocation of the utility poles with curbing installation, grass strip and sidewalks, and possibly street lighting. Construction of a traffic table to slow traffic on the street was also discussed as was installing crosswalks near the Church.
7. Some discussion on changing the entry way for Quality Avenue ensued. Bob Caffarelli would look at the possibilities and report back on this proposal, too.
8. Discussed was the Veteran's monument at the intersection of School and Main Street; this project might be impacted by work on the state right of way so it was tabled for the moment, as was discussion about a Main Street gateway vicinity the Brook.
9. David Piney suggested considering professional engineering help might be in order if not immediately, in a short period of time. This suggestion was taken under advisement.

10. The Chairman was asked to query the absent membership regarding their ability to continue to serve on the committee and to report his findings back at the next Committee meeting. .As the next meeting will not be held until September 18th, the Chairman was instructed to consider seeking additional committee members from Somersville if there were vacancies resulting from his initial query.
11. There being no further business to come before the committee, meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
David Reed, Chairman