

# Somersville Planning Committee

November 6, 2008

## Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 7pm in the lower level of the Somers Town Hall.

In attendance was David Reed, Chairman, Barry Moynihan, Karl Walton, Jill Conklin, Ron Elliott, David Pinney, First Selectman, and Bob Cafarelli, Town Engineer and Director of Public Works.

The meeting began with David Reed discussing the Somersville Streetscape First Phase Improvement Project Tasks list; the members received the list by e-mail prior to tonight's meeting. The list addresses possible short term improvements that the committee has been "Brainstorming" over the last couple of meetings. More precisely this first phase includes the south side of Main Street and School Street.

Bob Cafarelli was asked at the previous meeting to put some rough numbers on the improvements on the first phase task list;

### South Side on Main Street Improvements

- Update existing sidewalk (possible brick edging, repairs, etc.) 1600 x 41 = \$65,000
- Establish street line
- Upgrade street curbing Bob thought the curbing was in good shape
- Establish bike lane As per the plan space is available to accomplish this task
- Rework green strip The green strip is adequate for the improvements
- Install plantings Trees along the street every 50' at \$750 each would run \$24,000
- Install street lighting Sixteen fixtures at \$5,500 each would cost \$88,000
- Fencing as appropriate (auto display areas, etc) still looking into this item
- Seek donations for flagpole, clock putting out feelers for donations

### School Street Improvements:

- New fence around School Street Playground The black aluminum fence along the street 150' did not get priced, the chain link fence 450'+- for the remainder of the area around the playground and pond would be about \$20 a foot at 450' \$9,000
- Gate and lock for bridge between playground and Mill Pond
- Remove old Legion Hall this item was not discussed in detail
- Create unpaved parking area at Mill Pond 36,000 square feet four inches deep of processed gravel at \$15.00 a yard would run \$10,000

- Picnic Area at Mill Pond The removal of brush and bring in 200 yards of loam and seed, \$5,200
- Gazebo at Mill Pond cost range \$1,000 to \$10,000
- Hiking and Biking Trails along Mill Pond and Scantic River We are going to talk to the Scantic River Water Shed committee
- Boat Launch Area into Mill Pond a simple gravel area a cost was not discussed
- Change intersection of Maple and School Streets into Round-A-Bout The space is sufficient to accommodate a round a bout, cost was not discussed
- Install Street lighting along School Street Sidewalk The street is 1400 feet cost about \$77,000
- Reset curb-line on North Side of School Street
- Construct green strip between sidewalk and North side of the street
- Relocate Phone poles on North side of School Street to North Side of existing sidewalk The town would like to have CL&P move the poles for safety issues.
- Construct “table” in street to calm traffic This table would be in front of the church and the schools western access.

Bob Cafarelli said he would contact CL&P and discuss the safety issue with regard to the telephone poles located in the street on School Street.

David Reed was going to talk to the Village Players in regard to their meeting hall on School Street.

Ron Elliott said he did in fact reach out to few people who might be willing to serve on this committee. In the past the committee has discussed the need for more members.

David Reed asked the committee if meeting once a month would work for every ones schedule. The members present agreed to meet the first Thursday of each month.

At 8:37pm a motion to adjourn was made by Karl Walton and seconded by Barry Moynihan.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Conklin  
Acting Secretary

*Minutes are not official until approved at a subsequent meeting*