

Somersville Planning Committee

January 8th 2009 Minutes

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

In attendance were David Reed, Chairman, Ron Elliott, Everett Morrill, and Bob Caferelli, Town Engineer/ Director of Public Works.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

Correspondence was a flyer on porous concrete pavers sent through the town's conservation commission through the land use office to our committee. The chairman forwarded them to the Public Works Department for review and comment.

Bob Caferelli was asked to update the streetscape activity taken by his department so far. He noted that CL&P had offered to move the phone poles from their present School Street location to the other side of the street at no cost to the town, but was asking for property owners permissions to trim or remove trees that would be affected by such a move. DPW has forms for these purposes. It was suggested that a committee member should join either CL&P or the town representative in seeking signatures from the property owners. The Chairman will meet with Caferelli to work out the details in obtaining these permissions.

Caferelli stated that the First Selectman had suggested some engineering drawings would be useful in meeting with the State DOT to obtain their permission in doing the work on Main Street. It was the committee's opinion that costs for this work would be considerably under \$5,000 and could be covered by the STEAP Grants approved for this streetscape project. The chairman and Caferelli would look into ways to get this task started.

A preliminary cost estimate was presented for landscaping work, installation of 1,600 feet of Boston Colonial Pavers, and tree plantings from Franks Landscape Construction.

Under new business the committee directed the Chairman to work with Bob Caferelli in putting together a presentation to be given to the Board of Selectmen at the earliest opportunity. The presentation would discuss the two phases of activity proposed, estimated costs, and sources of funding. It is the committee's desire to have Phase one elements begin this Spring (School Street and south side of Main Street Improvements).

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:30. The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 5th, 2009.

David Reed, Chairman

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