

RT 109 Design Committee
Meeting Minutes April 9, 2014

Medway Sr. Center, 7:00 pm

Members Present: Dennis Crowley, Chair
Matt Buckley
Dan Hooper
Maryjane White
Dave D'Amico, Medway DPS

Other Attendees: Matt Hayes, Planning & Economic Development Board
Geoff Howie, GPI
Sean Sanger, Copley Wolff
Dave Colombo, Power Engineers

1. Approval of minutes postponed until next meeting.
2. A letter of intent has been received from Medway Shopping Center. Concern was raised that the letter does not go far enough into the scope of work proposed for the property. The Committee currently has a conceptual plan in hand. Concern was also raised that regardless of the commitments, the Planning & Economic Development Board will have ultimate authority as the work would be considered a major site plan revision.

The Committee approved a motion to have Mr. D'Amico request the MSC to prepare a preliminary site plan with more detail within 2 weeks. Mr. Crowley and possibly others will meet with MSC after that submission to discuss details.

3. The Committee reviewed general lighting details already approved and worked to narrow the selection. Black fluted poles, ~ 22 ft high with a skirted tear drop fixture has been approved previously. Several catalog items were reviewed. Two different base designs were of interest. **Dave Colombo will sketch the options for discussion at the next meeting.** Discussion turned to appurtenances. The following items are to be included in the design-
 - 120 VAC power available at the top of the poles
 - Provide two banner mounts
 - Provide two flag mounts
4. Sean Sanger of Copley-Wolff presented various options for the street view and entrance to Choate Park. Six different variations were reviewed. Three used a stone walled treatment along the roadway and three were more open in nature similar to the view today. The open plans were rejected based on aesthetics and public safety concerns. Of the three remaining options, the Committee supported Option 6 which showed a low wall along RT 109 with a rising full wall used at the entrance and curved into the entrance. Some general discussion on signage and the need to properly lead people to the Park entrance.

5. Mr. Sanger continued to discuss proposed street trees. Four species are being proposed depending on location; red oak, patriot elm, red maple, and honey locust. All are hardy native species that should do well in their proposed locations. The Committee had no concerns concerning these choices.
6. The Committee again evaluated the crosswalk at High Street. The original crosswalk serviced a school which later became the Medway Public Library. Today, the highest use of the crosswalk is on Sunday with Church pedestrian traffic. The crossing is also serviced by a police officer at those times. Several pedestrian accidents have occurred in years past at this location. **Based on the above, the Committee voted to eliminate this crosswalk.** Police can provide safe crossing on Sundays as they do now. A crosswalk could always be added later if something substantially changes.
7. The Committee reviewed the current schedule provided by Geoff Howie of GPI. This shows **100% design submission by December 1, 2014.** These plans will be reviewed as comments are received from MassDOT. Currently on track for bid in the April/May, 2015 time frame.

ROW appraisals will commence shortly. At present, **right-of-way is expected to be 100% complete by December 31, 2014.**

8. Mr. Sanger took some time to briefly discuss the addition of "pocket parks" along the route. An opportunity is available at Mechanic Street on Town owned property. Mr. Sanger showed some typical designs. The Committee supported the concept and asked Mr. Sanger to continue design efforts at this location.

Next meeting planned for May 21, 2014. Location and time to be determined.

Adjourn at 9:15 pm.