

Present:

Dennis Crowley, Committee Chair
Matt Buckley
Maryjane White
Paul Yorkis
Suzanne Kennedy, Town Administrator
Tom Holder, DPS
Dave D'Amico, DPS
Andy Rodenhiser , Planning & Economic Development Board
Geoff Howie, Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.
John Diaz, , Greenman-Pedersen, Inc.

Mr. Crowley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

Traffic Signal Location - This was the only agenda item discussed. The current 25% design plan submittal shows two signals essentially located at the Shell Station and at the Post Office/Drybridge Crossing. The former Tri-Valley Commons development on vacant land east of Gould's Plaza had proposed moving the Shell Station signal east to Dunkin Donuts. This was favorably received by the Committee when proposed if traffic analysis showed that it would function well. Mr. Rodenhiser explained that for a variety of planning reasons including future development of land now occupied by the driving range on Holliston St., this location is desirable. The Committee generally concurred with this assessment.

Mr. Diaz discussed the on-going discussions with the Medway Shopping Center about a single signal located at their main entrance at the Mobile Station. His discussions with MassDOT and his professional opinion is that a single signal at that location is preferred if Medway Shopping Center constructs improvements on their property similar to what they have proposed. Mr. Diaz also explained that if a new developer is forthcoming replacing Tri-Valley Commons and that developer wants a traffic signal to the east, that developer would have to design and construct the signal to be compatible with the RT 109 plans and the Town's requirements. The central signal he proposes would not preclude the addition of the second signal later by others.

Discussion continued on the west signal currently proposed at the Post Office. Mr. Diaz explained that this is an acceptable location, however it requires extensive work within the Medway Shopping Center to function properly. MassDOT is unlikely to fund extensive private property work. This would have to be funded by the Town. His recommendation is to abandon this signal in favor of the single signal at the Mobil Station. Mr. Yorkis pointed out that there are large parcels for development available just west of the Post Office and this location is important for a signal. The net result could be three signals in this area. After discussion, the general consensus was that a signal could be added later on the west end by others, similar to the Tri-Valley Commons situation. The Town could determine at that time whether the central signal should be built, modified, or eliminated. The Town gains the most flexibility and best position by working with a single centralized signal in this area if an agreement can be reached with the Medway Shopping Center.

Discussion ensued as to the exact location of the central signal. Many questioned whether the Mobil Station offered the best potential for the Medway Shopping Center property's future redevelopment. Further discussion with the Medway Shopping Center is needed.

Mr. Yorkis motioned that a group comprised of the Board of Selectmen, the Planning & Economic Development Committee, the Economic Development Committee, Town DPS staff, and GPI informally meet with representatives of the Medway Shopping Plaza as soon as possible to discuss the property. Seconded by Ms. White. Motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Yorkis motioned that the Town proceed with a single traffic signal at the main entrance area of the Medway Shopping Center for the 75% design submission. Seconded by Ms. White. Motion was unanimously approved.

The consensus of the Committee was that this design approach will be revisited upon negotiations with representatives of the Medway Shopping Center property for improved internal circulation, curb cuts, etc. Should discussions with the property owners falter, the 75% submission will need to be reevaluated.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

New Action Item - update ROW acquisition plan and schedule for next meeting by DPS/GPI.

Pending Action Items:

1. Requested time-line of events/deadlines to be produced by Mr. Howie (Greenman-Pedersen)
2. Chairman and Mr. Buckley to meet with Andy Rodenhiser prior to 12/04/13 Rte. 109 Committee meeting - Complete. Mr. Rodenhiser attended the 12/4/13 meeting.
3. Requested budget/cost estimate for selected lighted options to be produced by Mr. Howie (Greenman-Pedersen)
4. Revisit Mission Statement as a Committee