

**Joint Meeting of Waterbury Village Board of Trustees and Select Board  
Main Street Fire Station  
March 13, 2013**

Attendees: P. Howard Flanders, Village President; Lawrence Sayah and Natalie Howell-Sherman, Trustees; William Shepeluk, Municipal Manager; Select Board Members: John Grenier, Chris Viens, Rebecca Ellis; Steve Lotspeich, Community Planner; Alec Tuscany, Public Works Director; Anne Imoff, ORCA Media; and Denise McCarty, Board Secretary.

Public: Greg Goyette, Project Manager from Stantec; Ken Upmal, VTrans Project Manager; Everett Coffey; Dave Rogers; Howard Rexford; Roger Fraser; and Kristin Fountain, Waterbury Record.

The meeting was called to order by P. Howard Flanders at 7:02pm.

**Briefing of Select Board and Trustees by Stantec on Design of Main Street Reconstruction**

Alec Tuscany introduced Greg Goyette and Ken Upmal, who are working on the Main Street Project. Ken Upmal was also involved in the downtown Barre project. Greg Goyette gave a project status update and overview of what was reviewed last September and October, since it had been so long since people had last seen it. The preliminary plans are progressing to get ready to present to VTrans for review. Once it goes to VTrans for review then it will go to the right-of-way phase. There were numerous utility meetings to discuss location routing plans as well as discussions regarding the fiber optic lines and implications of relocating them. Fairpoint would like to relocate their lines along the railroad tracks and keep them off of Main Street but they are still investigating this option. The arborist made an assessment of which trees to keep and which to cut down. The existing condition of the tree or how many roots need to be cut were factors taken into consideration. There are about 50 trees along the corridor. There is a plan to mitigate loss of trees. Discussion followed regarding what happens if a tree dies on someone's property after the construction is complete. Most of the trees are within the town right of way right now.

The plans reflect a little wider sidewalk along Park Row to Coffee Roasters side of the road to accommodate bicycle facilities and parking. Some driveways and walkways will need to be rebuilt. Driveways will need to be graded a certain way. Also discussed were plans for a 7 inch curb, dropping the road way where necessary, and lawn impacts. The plans were designed to alleviate "ponding" issues. There are 102 properties that abut the Main Street project and there is a significant landscape plan. Greg Goyette met with Revitalizing Waterbury a few weeks ago to discuss the plans. Public comment: There was a concern raised that Revitalizing Waterbury is a small group of people that are not elected officials and they should not represent a particular project or have more say in how a project gets done than the general public does. Rebecca Ellis addressed the concern by saying that RW is our downtown partner. The discussion between Stantec and RW was more to discuss the goals of the Main Street project with maintaining a downtown friendly environment, including benches and keeping it pedestrian friendly. No action was taken.

Steve Lotspeich announced that there would be a series of public meetings with affected property owners. There will be a series of 4 meetings with property owners and as many business as possible starting with those along:

- 1) Railroad Street
- 2) Stowe Street to Park Row
- 3) Park Row to Batchelder Street
- 4) Batchelder Street to the end of the Project

The meetings will be held at Thatcher Brook Primary School cafeteria starting at 7pm on Tuesday and Wednesday (3/19 and 3/20) and Tuesday and Wednesday (3/26 and 3/27). Invitations will go out as soon as possible for next week's meetings.

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The topics discussed at the meetings will cover: utilities and undergrounding, answering specific questions, giving a detailed presentation about the project, preliminary information about traffic control and discussing the right-of-way process. After the four meetings occur, the Town and Village will offer to meet with property owners individually onsite to answer questions or address specific issues and review possible impacts for each property. This will also be an opportunity to address concerns with property owners. Public comment: How will this project be funded and how much will the residents pay? W. Shepeluk stated that a project estimate is not ready yet but he went over the structure of how the project could be paid for: 90 percent of the project covered by federal money, 3 percent covered by state money, and 2 percent covered by the taxpayers. If a bond vote is needed to cover the costs, there will be a Town wide vote. No action was taken at this time.

**Other Joint Business** – None at this time. The meeting of the Select Board adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise McCarty  
Board of Trustees Secretary

Approved on: March 18, 2013