



**NH 111 Corridor & Wall Street Extension Feasibility Study
Project Advisory Meeting
Windham Planning & Development Office
Minutes**

October 28, 2010

Members Present: Bob Ashburn, Jack McCartney, Lee Maloney, Gerry Lewis and Matt Caron.

Project Staff Present: Laura Scott, (Windham); Gene McCarthy, Mike MacDonald (McFarland-Johnson); Cliff Sinnott and Roxanne Rines (RPC).

Public Present: Sandra Higgins, citizen.

1. Welcome/Communications/Public Comment

Attendees introduced themselves and stated what organization they represented.

2. PAC Meeting Summary #11

Members approved statement #11 as written.

3. Public Informational Meeting Summary - comments, corrections

Members approved the public informational summary as written.

9.B. Lee Maloney replaces Annette Stoller as Representative - **Sinnott** stated Annette Stoller resigned her seat on the committee. **Sinnott** then introduced Lee Maloney as her replacement.

4. Review/revisit Problem and Vision Statements

After discussion it was decided the vision statement needs to be modified. The committee gave McCarthy changes they want. **McCarthy** stated he will make the changes and email the revision to members before the next meeting.

5. Continued discussion: Preferred Alternatives

McCarthy reviewed the presentation of alternatives that was presented at the public meeting. Discussion ensued amongst members.

A. NH 111 Corridor - **McCarthy** stated there seems to be a consensus that the 111 bypass should not be included in the study document. Members in attendance agreed.

Lewis spoke of an email he received from a citizen who also lives in Florida, it stated that he doesn't like roundabouts because they do not work. Members discussed how roundabouts work in other areas of the country.

McCarthy reviewed materials used in roundabouts and the maintenance of them. He continued to explain constraints of the roadway at different locations along with corridor.

B. Wall Street - **McCarthy** stated that Wall Street is not a viable idea today, but should be kept on the table for a possible future project. He showed a road design that included the alignment, the impacts to properties, wetlands needed to cross and permitting costs. **Sinnott** stated the Wall Street alternative should be kept in the Master Plan, which would allow the town to acquire the rights-of-way needed if this alternative was to be built in the future.

McCarthy gave a cost estimate for this alternative for \$6.5 million, this does not include any work on 111.

Scott stated she is concerned because the Planning Board is not going to adopt the document, they will have no authorization to require developers to give the town rights-of-way. **McCarthy** stated more committee members need to be present before any final decision on an alternative is chosen.

6. **Preliminary results from No. Lowell Road classification counts (tabled from 10-7-10 meeting)**

McCarthy reviewed classification counts were done along North Lowell Road. He has not been able to find out when the weigh station was open. The findings were that on the days counts were taken, there was not a huge volume increase on North Lowell Road. **Lewis** stated he would get the dates the weigh station was open for comparison with the counts taken.

7. **Local Officials Meetings**

Sinnott stated it would be helpful to present the committees choices for the study to the town boards. **Scott** stated it would be easier to present the findings at a Board of Selectmen meeting. **Sinnott** stated he would like to present the draft report to the town boards before the next public meeting. **Scott** will check with Sullivan about a date for a presentation at a Board of Selectmen meeting.

8. **Project Schedule**

A. Remaining Tasks and Schedule – **McCarthy** reviewed what the committee needs to accomplish by the end of the contract. **Lewis** stated he feels the committee has all the information needed to make an informed decision.

B. Budget expended to date – **Sinnott** stated the budget is about half spent. **Scott** asked members send her their updated volunteer time sheets.

C. Status of Contract Extension Request – **Sinnott** stated he is waiting to hear back from DOT, but believes the contract will be extended.

9. Other Business

A. Derry traffic circle: why it's not a roundabout – **McCarthy** again reviewed the difference between a roundabout and a traffic circle with a video presentation.

C. Next Meeting – After discussion, the next meeting will be Tuesday, November 16, 2010, at 9 am. **Sinnott** will email the revised vision statement to committee members before the next meeting.

D. Other – None.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne M. Rines
Recording Secretary

