



Meeting Notes

Place: Jaffrey Fire Department

Date: July 10, 2018

Notes Taken by: Evan Drew, VHB

Project #: 52457.00

Re: TAC Meeting #7
Jaffrey Route 202 Dogleg
#16307

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Jo Anne Carr, Planning/EDC	Evan Drew, VHB	Stephen Christian, Citizen
Stephanie Niemela, TEAM Jaffrey	Non-Advisory Committee Attendees	Bill Wedbel, Citizen
David Reilly, Schools	Bonnie Mitchell, Select Board	Harry Young, Citizen
Carolyn Garretson, Conservation Commission	Marc Raposo, Community Transportation	Bill Grat. Citizen
Max Mitchell, Chamber of Commerce	Doni Ash, Lab N' Lager Owner	Dan & Pat Maclsaac, Citizens
Bill Oswald, Police	J.B. Mack, SWRPC	C. Turcotte, Citizen
John Peard, Downtown Business(es)	Laurel McKenzie, Planning Board	Jack & Stephanie Minter, Citizens
Frank Sterling, Select Board	Mark Cournoyer, Cournoyer Funeral Home	John McCarthy, Citizen
Ed Merrell, Planning Board	Dick Ames, State Representative	Robert Sherman, Citizen
Marty Kennedy, VHB	Ray Record, Citizen	Janet Grant, Citizen
Victoria Chase, NHDOT	Tory McCagy, Citizen	Catherine Schiele, Citizen
Samantha Fifield, NHDOT	Carl Querforth, Citizen	Robert Jake Jaibent, Citizen
Sarah Chase, NHDOT	Jim Weiman, Citizen	Rick Lambert, Memorial Park
Jon Frederick, Town Manager	Gail Therriault, Citizen	
Randy Heglin, DPW	Bruce Edwards, Citizen	

Mr. Kennedy opened the meeting by first welcoming everyone to the 7th Advisory Committee meeting for the Jaffrey Route 202 Dogleg Study, then proceeded to recap the progress of the study to-date. He also reviewed the schedule moving forward. Mr. Kennedy then proceeded to recap the results of the TSM alternative noting that the recommended actions will be implemented by the NHDOT Traffic Bureau in late summer, the results of the build alternatives evaluation, and he described the preferred alternative/proposed action.

As requested by Committee members at the previous meeting, the discussion at this Advisory Committee meeting focused on ensuring that the proposed project wouldn't adversely impact the supply of on-street parking.

Mr. Kennedy proceeded to review a conceptual sketch that showed a net increase of on-street parking spaces. The sketch showed eight angle spaces on Main Street resulting in a net increase of two additional spaces on Main Street. The sketch showed six new spaces on River Street where there are currently no spaces. Nine new spaces were shown along Blake Street and along the proposed bridge resulting in a net increase of six spaces. In total, the sketch showed the potential for a net increase of as many as 14 spaces.

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Mr. Kennedy noted that the plan is still preliminary, and the number and layout of parking spaces may change. It is, however, clear from this exercise that the proposed project will likely increase the number of on-street parking spaces.

Mr. Kennedy cautioned the Committee that installing angle parking along only one block in downtown was not good practice. It's important to consider driver expectation. If the use of angle parking was consistent throughout the downtown, motorists would become accustomed to vehicles backing out of spaces and would drive accordingly. If, however, there is only one block of angle parking while the remainder of the downtown spaces are parallel spaces, motorists may fail to develop a consistent expectation for parking maneuvers in the downtown.

Mr. Kennedy also reminded the Committee that proposed plan calls for the elimination of the existing traffic signal at the Main Street/River Street intersection. The River Street and North Street approaches to the intersection would be placed under "STOP" sign control. He noted that the sight distance looking to the west from the River Street approach is limited due to the building at the southwest corner.

Regarding the municipal parking lot on Blake Street, the sketch shows the parking lot being relocated to the south, which would impact private property. The Town and the State need to coordinate on how best to replace this existing parking lot. The Town also needs to consider the long-term vision for the town-owned property near the ballfield.

Mr. Kennedy also noted that the plan to construct a roundabout on the west side of the new bridge at River Street would impact a corner of the Veteran's Memorial Park. He noted, however, that this impact could be mitigated by the project expanding and enhancing the Park. Mr. Kennedy suggested the need for a separate meeting with representatives of the Park to discuss in more detail. Mr. Rick Lambert (representing the Veteran's Memorial Park) was in attendance and agreed to meet separately with the NHDOT to discuss the matter.

Mr. Marc Raposo, Operations Manager for Community Transportation (operator of the town's school buses) was in attendance and described the current school bus routes indicating that he didn't expect the proposed plan to disrupt the bus routing.

The presentation was followed by an open discussion among the Committee members. The discussion included:

- VHB to review a four-way stop condition at the intersection of Main Street and River Street and North Street for the Proposed Action (signalized intersection to be removed).

- Riverwalk Expansions – State and Town would need to discuss maintenance and ownership

- Maintenance and Operation costs should be explored and shared with the Town

Mr. Kennedy told the Committee that the team will continue to develop the proposed action plan and will reach out to schedule meetings with the owners of properties identified as potential full acquisitions. The team also plans to schedule a roundabout demonstration where we will layout the dimensions of the roundabout in a parking lot and bring in trucks, buses, and fire apparatus, etc. to traverse.

Mr. Kennedy asked the Committee if they were comfortable with the team moving forward with the two-roundabout option as the "proposed action". The Committee indicated that it was comfortable with us advancing the two-

roundabout option. Mr. Peard noted that he continues to not be in favor of the realignment of US 202, but if the project does involve the realignment with a new bridge from Blake Street, he would prefer the second roundabout at River Street option as opposed to constructing the new bridge and having River Street intersect the new US 202 at a "T"-type intersection.

The Committee agreed that to maximize attendance, we should wait until after Labor Day to hold the public information meeting.

At this time, non—Advisory Committee attendees of the meeting were provided an opportunity to ask questions or express their thoughts. In general, the comments from the non-Advisory Committee attendees were in favor of the project as proposed and view the proposed plan as a positive for the vitality of the downtown.

The meeting concluded at approximately 10:00 am.