



Meeting Notes

Place: Jaffrey Fire Department

Date: October 16, 2018

Notes Taken by: Evan Drew, VHB

Project #: 52457.00

Re: TAC Meeting #8
Jaffrey Route 202 Dogleg
#16307

Advisory Committee Attendees:

Jo Anne Carr, Planning/EDC	Evan Drew, VHB	Don MacIsaac, Citizen
Stephanie Niemela, TEAM Jaffrey	David Chamberlain, Fire	David Wilke, Citizen
David Reilly, Schools	Don Stewart, Citizen-At-Large	Gail Reali, Citizen
Carolyn Garretson, Conservation Commission	Non-Advisory Committee Attendees	Kevin Chamberlain, Citizen
Max Mitchell, Chamber of Commerce	Mark Bosse, Fire	Rick Lauler, Citizen
Bill Oswald, Police	Susan Leach, Citizen	Bonnie Mitchell, Select Board
John Peard, Downtown Business(es)	Casey Leach, Citizen	Rick Lambert, Memorial Park
Frank Sterling, Select Board	Harry Underwood, SWRPC	
Ed Merrell, Planning Board	John Minter, Citizen	
Marty Kennedy, VHB	Tony Scholl, Citizen	
Victoria Chase, NHDOT	Stephen Christian, Red's	
Trent Zanes, NHDOT	Bob Bussiere, Citizen	
Keith Dupuis, Industrial Business/Trucking	Tory McCagg, Citizen	
Jon Frederick, Town Manager	Carl Querfurth, Citizen	
Randy Heglin, DPW	Janet Grant, Citizen	

Mr. Kennedy opened the meeting by first welcoming everyone to the 8th Advisory Committee meeting for the Jaffrey Route 202 Dogleg Study, then proceeded to recap the progress of the study to-date and the schedule moving forward. He explained that we will be holding a public informational meeting on November 15th to present the "Proposed Action" plan. The formal Public Hearing is expected to occur in early 2019.

At this point the Committee was shown a video of a roundabout demonstration that was performed at ConVal Regional High School on September 15th. The video of the demonstration showed school buses, a Jaffrey fire truck, and tractor-trailer trucks provided by local Jaffrey businesses maneuvering through a roundabout (of comparable size as that proposed) laid-out in the parking lot with chalk and traffic cones. After presenting the footage, Mr. Kennedy asked any of the drivers who participated in the demonstration to share their thoughts on the demonstration. Mark Bosse, of the Jaffrey Fire Department stated that "For our size vehicles, the roundabout worked well" and "saw no issues." Mr. Kennedy noted that the video will be shown at the November Public Informational meeting and then proceeded to show overlay images of the actual vehicles that participated in the demonstration depicted on the conceptual plans.

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Mr. Kennedy proceeded to discuss the project team's efforts to minimize property impacts. He stated that the second roundabout was added because it reduced the number of properties that would be impacted along US 202 south of the proposed bridge. The second roundabout does, however, still result in the full acquisition of the residential property at 15 River Street. It also impacts a corner of the Veteran's Memorial Park. Mr. Kennedy noted that the project team has been in communication with the owners of the Memorial Park regarding the possibility of mitigating the impact to the Park by possibly expanding the Park to the south. Mr. Rick Lambert, President of the Jaffrey War Memorial Committee, attended the Advisory Committee meeting.

Mr. Kennedy informed the Committee that despite efforts to avoid impacting the Lab 'N' Lager, the current plan calls for the full acquisition of the Lab 'N' Lager.

Mr. Kennedy turned to the Committee members to share their thoughts and discuss the current state of the project process. The discussion included:

Given that the Lab 'N' Lager will be acquired, the plan should be modified to include a channelized right-turn lane onto Stratton Road.

The plan should look to maximize the number of on-street parking spaces for businesses along Main Street.

Mr. Kennedy reminded the Committee that providing angle parking along only one block was not recommended because it may confuse motorists. On the other hand, if the Town provided angle parking throughout the downtown, providing an additional block of angle parking on Main Street (within the project area) could be appropriate and would be consistent with motorists' expectations. The Town may have follow-up discussions with the NHDOT (separate from this project) regarding the possibility of providing angle parking along Main Street west of River Street.

Any maintenance/operation costs associated with the project that could fall to the Town will need to be clarified.

The Town will need to consider whether school crossing guards (which are currently provided at the signalized intersections) would be needed with the roundabout in place.

In response to a question on the schedule for the planned interim upgrade to the traffic signals, Ms. Chase stated that she did not have a definitive date but anticipates the implementation soon.

As the discussion was opened to Non-Committee Attendees:

Mr. Rick Lambert (representing the Veteran's Memorial Park) noted that any potential expansion of the Memorial Park to the south would, in his opinion, require the rehabilitation or reconstruction of the retaining wall that runs along the riverbank.

Mr. Kennedy and Ms. Victoria Chase, reminded attendees that there are two upcoming public meetings: a public informational meeting at the Jaffrey VFW on November 15th, and a formal Public Hearing early in 2019, where the public will have an opportunity to speak on the "Proposed Action" plan. Mr. Kennedy reminded

Committee members to encourage members of the public that in addition to opportunities to share their thoughts at public meetings, they should feel free to contact him anytime with questions or comments.

Mr. Kevin Chamberlain asked if the US 202 Dogleg project is planned to coincide with the separate complete streets sidewalk project along Peterborough Street and Stratton Road. Jo Anne Carr acknowledged that the two projects are separate and that the two design firms (CLD and VHB) are in communication and are sharing plans. Mr. Chamberlain also echoed thoughts by some attendees in asking that there be a non-binding, town vote regarding the proposed action of the project.

The meeting concluded at approximately 10:00 am.