

## **Meeting Notes from February 8, 2017 RTAC Meeting**

Attending: Jack Sands, Meg Kelly, Paul Penfield, Mark Horowitz, Anne Benning, Patrick O'Donnell, Chris Stix

### **1. Resident Comments:**

Terri Eastman, 59 Conant Road, attended to voice her concern regarding the Eversource paving to take place shortly. She wanted to know if some type of landscaping or fencing will be added. She also mentioned concern about a possible Conant Road tunnel relative to ensuring that the road over the tunnel remains flat as it would otherwise create a dangerous situation when driving her car out of her driveway.

### **2. Review and Approval of February 1 meeting minutes.**

**3. Report from Keir Evans of Boston Properties regarding their traffic studies for a potential 40 B Project behind the Biogen/Monster office complex on Route #20.**

Boston Properties is proposing a Church Street access site for building a road to the Project. Chairman Sands mentioned that a letter was previously sent to Boston Properties stating that the committee does not support this access site road. The committee mentioned its concern that this road would infringe on the rail trail and that it could be a potential safety issue with trail users.

Mr. Evans stated that there will be a barrier between the 40 B Project parking and Biogen parking to prevent cut through traffic and that Biogen has agreed to allow school buses to enter and exit from the Route 20 entrance. - The Committee agreed to discuss Boston Properties revised proposal at its next RTAC meeting.

### **4. Update on CPC funding request**

A proposal by Nitsch Engineering to provide a preliminary design and cost estimate to build an underpass under Conant Road could not be voted on by the Selectmen until their Feb 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. The committee instead asked the Community Preservation Committee to fund the study out of administrative funds (under \$10,000). At their February 6<sup>th</sup> meeting, CPC approved the committee's request. Nitsch has agreed to complete the report by March 1. The committee will then discuss the findings with the Recreation Committee at their March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to gather their support for a request to the CPC meeting on March 13 for funding to build an underpass at Conant Road to be voted on at town meeting in May.

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### **5. Review of Con Com meeting on February 7, 2017**

### **6. Summary of Sunday's rail trail walk**

**7. Review and vote to recommend either Nitsch Engineering, VHB, or Utile Design to assist committee with community outreach.**

**- Committee voted to recommend to the Board of Selectman to use administrative funds (\$9,999) to engage Utile to assist the committee to prepare a rail trail vision design and attend a public meeting to address citizen's comments about the trail. Utile will then prepare a report for the committee to review.**

**8. Discussions for Feb 21 meeting**

**9. Vote to adjourn**

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