

Master Plan Implementation Committee

Minutes of October 26, 2010

Meeting called to order by Ed Forsberg, Chairman, at 6:30 pm in the Main Meeting Room, Town Hall (moved from Room 116, Town Hall, for more space).

Members Present: Ed Forsberg, John Desmond, Michael Gallahue, Al Goetz, Roger Turner, Dick Nottebart, Mike Berry, Bruce Norwell.

Staff Present: Don Johnson, Stephanie Mercandetti, Maura Therrien

Visitors Present: Gary Riggott, Trails Committee; Denny Nackoney, Bay Circuit Alliance; Donnell Murphy, Walpole Park South; Denise Maleiko and Sue Ferioli, Trustees of 894 East Street Condominiums; Charlie Quigley, Assistant Town Engineer; Bob O'Brien, DPW Director; Michael Boynton, Town Administrator.

New MPIC member, Bruce Norwell of the Walpole Housing Partnership, was welcomed to the Committee

Approval of Minutes: Moved by Al., seconded by Michael G., to approve the minutes of 9/21/10 and 10/12/10 with corrections, as follows: 1) in 9/21, remove references to the Kendall Building (Michael G.); and 2) in 10/12, specifications of trail to be stone dust underlain by filter fabric and crushed bank, and bridge to be aluminum prefab. Voted 6-0-1 (Mike Berry abstained).

Ongoing / Old Business and Implementation Activities:

- Downtown revitalization activities / Downtown Municipal Campus trail and park plans:
 - Logistics of the bridge/park plan and trail were voted on at the last MPIC meeting. Ed Forsberg asked member Dick Nottebart to update the committee as to the meeting held on Thursday with the representative of the bridge manufacturer (Gator Bridges), Ray Bishop. Dick updated the group on the meeting held Thursday, 10/21/10 at Town Hall. Charlie Quigley, Town Engineering, Bob O'Brien Superintendent Public Works, Stephanie Mercandetti Economic Development Officer, Don Johnson, Town Planner, Roger Turner, Dick Nottebart MPIC members were present for this one hour meeting. Dick went over the bridge specifications that the quotation would reflect. Discussion ensued as to the cladding of the bridge with IPE wood and the property of this product. Bob O'Brien also addressed the durability factor of this wood and the desire to use this on the bridge. Discussion of the footings, rail detail ADA compliant affecting the width 7' overall 6' clear, approach rails and the weight load of 110 PSF. Dick explained that this quotation would give us plenty of room to add/delete to make the \$59,000 price less than quoted if that is necessary to reduce pricing. For now the group concurred that the specifications as quoted would be sufficient for the grant pricing. The bridge will be 7' wide and 60' long, with ADA/AAB specifications met, ipe wood decking, and end tread plates. The path will also be ADA/AAB compliant. Charlie Quigley estimates town labor cost will be \$13,626.40. Stephanie had received a total estimate of \$58,900 for the bridge including \$4,000.00 for transport, from Gator Bridges. Michael Boynton suggested submitting a Capital Budget request for items above and beyond the grant cap of \$50,000, noting all of our major town committees are represented in the MPIC and the

project has wide support. It was noted that there is a need to work with Landis Hershey, Conservation Agent, relative to the bridge construction and work along the brook. In order not to disturb the brook, it had been recommended that the design will have an open bottom bridge supported by Sonotubes with a buffer zone project of vegetation improvement (native, non-invasive, riparian vegetation). We will consult with the Norfolk County Agricultural High School and the Northeastern University Engineering Department, for design options. Bob O'Brien will contact some people. There was discussion about possibly obtaining letters of support from state reps and federal senators. This is to be considered Phase I of a multiphase project, with benches, fencing, and lights in the park as future phases. A motion was made by Dick N. to request Stephanie write and submit the preliminary grant, in the amount of \$58,900 for the bridge, total budget \$79,436.40 with amount above \$50,000 to be matched, seconded by Roger, and voted 8-0-0. The Recreational Trails Grant application will be submitted to DCR by 11/1 (submission deadline). The grant is proposed to the state, then the federal government reviews the application, and awards are expected, with full or partial approval, to be granted in June or July 2011.

- Historical Commission and FY 2011 MHC Survey and Planning Grant Program:
 - Michael Gallahue had given a presentation at the October 18, 2010 Fall Town Meeting on the submission of a grant application under this program as a follow-up to the Historical Survey and Inventory project funded under our 2007 grant award, which was completed in 2008. At their meeting on 10/21 the Historical Commission had determined to seek a grant of \$7,500 with a \$7,500 match for a total project budget of \$15,000 to prepare applications seeking nominations for Blackburn Hall, Union Station, and the Old Burial Grounds to be placed on the National Register of Historical Places. The grant pre-application request is due 11/15/2010. He will meet with Stephanie and Don on 11/5 to work further on this pre-application.
- Open Space & Recreation Plan Update – brief update:
 - The Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee will meet 10/27 and is expected to begin work on the action plan activities to implement the goals and objectives.

New Business:

- Location of proposed flagpole on Stone Field:
 - A preliminary suggestion was to locate a flagpole behind the backstop of the softball field at the third base side. The American Legion may donate \$5,000 for a flag pole. A huge amount of work has been accomplished by the Walpole Youth Football League on the rehabilitation of Stone Field this year. The field may be named The Legion Field at Stone Park. This will be taken up again at future MPIC meetings.
- Relocation of a portion of the Bay Circuit Trail in the area of Walpole Park South:
 - Donnell Murphy had prepared three trail relocation options, which had been forwarded to Gary Riggott and Denny Nackoney. Gary and Denny suggested the second option be accepted. The path will be a passive recreational walking path giving the town license to use it. The path will follow the high tension lines, along the edge of Walpole Park South,

out its driveway and cross route one at the light at Pine Street. Donnell Murphy and Phil Macchi, his attorney, will work on a licensing agreement with the Town to reroute the Bay Circuit Trail through Walpole Park South per Option 2 as presented.

Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2010:

- The next meeting will be 11/9/2010, 6:30 pm, in Room 116. There will be no meeting in December.

Correspondence:

- None

Adjournment:

- At 8:00 pm, Michael G motioned, seconded by Dick N., to adjourn, all voted in favor (8-0-0).

Respectfully submitted,