

March 14, 2013 EDSC Minutes

posted 5-22-13 @ 11:20am

Economic and Sustainability Committee

March 14, 2013

Notes from Meeting (Katie Murphy and Al Alhers)

The primary purpose of the meeting was for Pat Carroll, Landscape Architect, to present his preliminary proposal, costs and budget for improvements to the town center.

Pat presented several concept plans for the town center and first draft budget.

The financial discussion was about how we have to sort of think about the "phasing" of the town center project because we have to present something at Town Meeting that's financially palatable to (in sequence) -- the budget committee, the Board of Selectmen, and the voters on June 15. So the group came up with \$150,000 as an initial allocation to be put forth to the budget committee. Pat Carroll said he'd get to work on figuring it out.

David's concerned that we also have available the proposed 3-part plan for the ENTIRE thing--ie, Town Center, Memorial School conversion, Cassidy Pit. The question about this project in its entirety, will probably be asked at Town Meeting.

There was discussion about the proposed playground. It's seen as a big part of the initial plan ... because Mark Girard especially says that unless there's something really visible that people can actually see has been accomplished with the \$150,000, the next phase of financing (at the next Town Meeting) won't "sell" well.

The Committee discussed the Old Town House moving to the Town Center site. Katie told the committee that the NYHS board does not see that the town would be part of paying for the move.

Grants for a variety of projects were discussed and Pat provided information.

Paul and Andy Walsh met on Monday morning and walked the "gully" and found a couple of sites where a bridge could be sited. Also, Andy found a local guy who he thinks could manufacture the bridge. But the best site would mean constructing a 75' bridge. Which is a lot more \$\$ than the 23' site that they also looked at.

Al mentioned in an e-mail that "the presentation at the North Yarmouth Business Association went well. Most people thought the drawing presented a picture of what needs to happen. Of course there were those who thought whatever we did was going to cost too much money so I suspect that when we get to Town Meeting, cost will certainly be a big issue." (e-mail correspondence)

Al noted that the Budget Committee would like to have a budget number from the EDSC for the proposed work by March 28th. The Budget Committee will need a final budget number by April 22nd. (e-mail correspondence) printer deadline april 4th final budget

Economic and Sustainability Committee

March 20, 2013

(Notes from Al Alhers)

The purpose of the meeting with Pat Carroll was to discuss costs of the town center project further. Pat presented a Phase I Plan and broke-out the costs into small portions for specific areas or projects.

It was decided that the Phase I cost would be around \$150,000 and that amount would be presented to town meeting.

Other phases would be considered for future years.

For the town meeting – have Phase I and a drawing of the entire plan to include Cassidy pit – we can have Pat provide this

Publicity – we should do neighborhood meetings and other publicity prior town meeting

Al will attend Budget Committee and Selectmen's meeting (March 28th) to present our recommendations and get Selectmen's approval.

We will continue to research grant opportunities.

It was noted that Pat and Katie made a presentation of the plan to the historical Society.