

Board of Selectmen Meeting
August 15, 2019
6:00 PM
Village Fire Station—32 North Street

Minutes of the Selectmen's Meeting of August 15, 2019

Selectmen Attending: Patrick A. Briggs, Allen Daggett, Edward Hutchins, Sheila Matthews-Bull

Others: Susan Boak, Tom Boak, Bill Leffler, Michael Claus, Michael Davis, David James, Megan McDevitt, Lou Rana, John Rinaldi, Mrs. Rinaldi, Eliot Siderides, Laurie Smith, Arlene McMurray, and others

1. Call to Order.

Chair Daggett called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

2. Discuss of Ocean Avenue seawall project.

Megan McDevitt, project manager for Woodard and Curran, gave an update on the Ocean Avenue seawall project. She mentioned the items of discussion at the last meeting about critical slopes where crash protection is needed and dropping the wall where it wasn't needed. She understood that the Board made the decision to proceed with keeping the wall at the height it was designed for in the crash required areas and to drop the wall as requested by John Rinaldi and the River Club in areas that it was not required.

Ms. McDevitt said she met with the River Club again, and the height of the wall was determined. She presented a slide showing that the standards for guardrails are 2' 10" from the highest point of the road; however, the road profile varies. The height of the wall varies from 27" to 39". The consistent wall height ensures for crash protection. They tried to revise the top of the wall for more reveal. The noncritical slope areas in front of John Rinaldo's and the River Club were dropped. The cost and schedule are being determined for that redesign. She said although it has less concrete, it becomes a custom design, which will require more form work and more lead time to produce. It may not be less costs overall. The decision has to be made by early next week in order to proceed and get this done this year. The longer this project takes, and the more changes in the design, also means more design fees and time. Timing is critical.

She said understanding the timeline of having to get the project done this year, the options on the table to be discussed so this project could move forward are:

1. Going with the wall as currently designed with the tops of the wall consistent and incorporating the drops in the wall as desired by the River Club and John Rinaldi.
2. Going with the revised design with a varying upper wall elevation.
3. Going back with dropping the wall having a minimum 9" curve. It could vary anywhere between 9" to 20" depending on the road profile and putting a consistent steel bridge rail across the entire project.

There were concerns whether the height of wall would cause hydraulic concerns. She said there is a 48" circular pipe but they are increasing that to a 4' x4' box culvert that will help alleviate water flow elevations.

Town Manager Laurie Smith went over the financial part of this project. She explained that money is tight if they run into any problems. She explained that she needs direction from the Board on what to pursue.

Lou Rana, Commodore of the River Club, said they are sensitive to the time and effort spent on this project. They have worked on transition pieces and noncritical barriers. That leaves the rest of the wall and they have a design that meets DOT standards.

Eliot Siderides, architect and member of the River Club, said he was asked to help facilitate this project. He said they are concerned with functionality, aesthetics, and transparency. He passed out designs to the Board and explained that he tried to establish the design of the drop areas and transition posts, and used the Wells Bridge as an example and not the Mat Lanigan Bridge for dealing with the solid wall.

John Rinaldi had questions about design credits.

Bill Leffler, member of the Senior Advisory Committee, said this project will affect 30% of the community and it needs to be age friendly. His concern was having uneven sidewalk. He would like them to consult with the AARP and the Southern Maine Agency on Aging for insight.

Ms. Smith said the current design meets the standards, and Michael Claus added that they don't want slippery brick.

Susan Boak, chair of the Senior Advisory Committee, said they learned about the brick pavers from the KRA, and there is concern about uneven walking surface. She said that guidelines are that the walking surface should not vary within ¼". She wants to make sure there is not a tripping hazard and was concerned with liability issues.

Motion by Selectman Hutchins, seconded by Selectman Matthews-Bull, to go with the three-rail guardrail system with concrete base (9"-20") with transitions in front of the River Club and John Rinaldi's house. **Vote:** 4-0.

3. Adjournment.

Motion by Selectman Hutchins, seconded by Selectman Matthews-Bull, to adjourn. **Vote:** 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Submitted by Arlene McMurray
Administrative Assistant