

Town of Farmington
Quality of Life Subcommittee
September 17, 2018

Present

Bruce Charette	Nancy Tucker
Kathy Lindroth	Portia Corbett
Betty Coykendall	John Renehan
Nancy Nickerson	Brian Connolly
Ann Mullen	Ruth Grobe

Staff

Anna Savastano
Rose Ponte
Kathy Eagen
Bill Warner

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

B. Reading of the Minutes

A motion to approve the attached September 4, 2018 was made and seconded by (Connolly/Corbett)

1. Motion carried

C. New Business

1) Brainstorming Session –

Bill Warner started the brainstorming sessions showing various examples of components throughout the study area that presented challenges and opportunities for enhancements. The committee members added additional input for each of the examples listed. All the input was recorded. The staff will take all the comments and develop a matrix for the committee to consider. Notes from the brainstorming session are attached.

(See Attachment 1)

2) To discuss the next steps /goals for the October 11, 2018 meeting

Kathy Eagen explained that the staff will develop a matrix using the notes from the brainstorming session, and will write a draft RFP for a landscape architect. The committee will meet on October 11 to review the draft RFP, and prioritize the matrix.

D. Public Comment

No one from the public spoke.

E. Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 PM was made and seconded (Connolly/Nickerson)

1. Motion carried

Farmington Ave. CT RT 4

work along or in the road requires
encroachment permit from CT DOT

corner gets covered in snow in the winter

land trust owns that whole corner

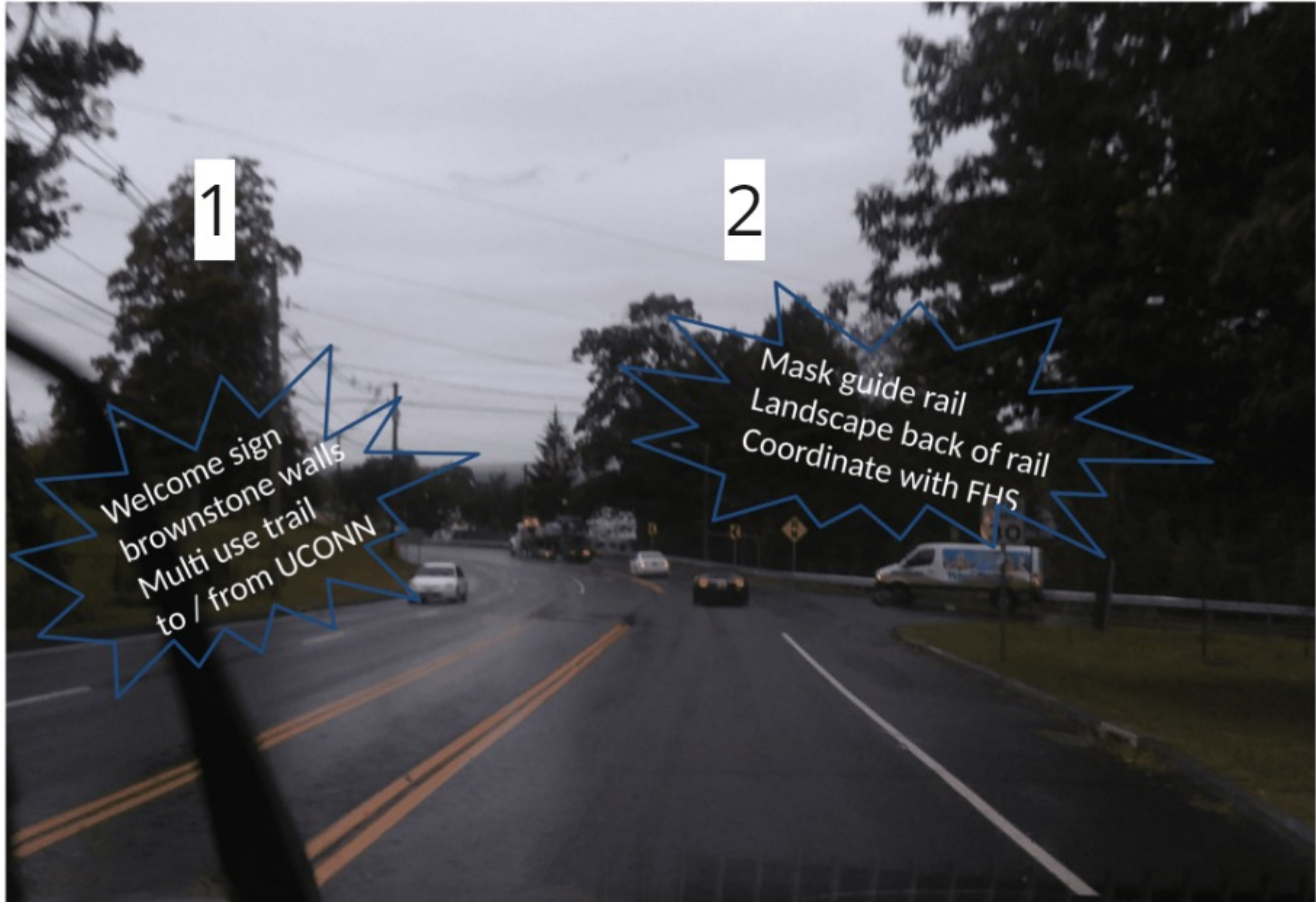
get rid of chain link fence - put up by the state

cover the guardrail with stone/build a brownstone wall. inside the wall is the guard rail

different plants planted

welcome sign with material that reflects the colonial character of the Town

Welcome sign on the opposite side



1

Welcome sign
brownstone walls
Multi use trail
to / from UCONN

2

Mask guide rail
Landscape back of rail
Coordinate with FHS

Flowering street trees both sides Color - spring, summer and fall



Coordinate with developer of 729 Farmington Ave.

elm-like trees to preserve history

not Bradford pear trees

top of the slope will be a multi-use trail



this property is called Lilac Hill



smaller trees that don't grow into the powerlines

fragrant trees/flowers for people sitting in traffic

4



Brickwalk shops
brownstone
Monument sign

want a historic
look for the sign
- Need Brand
guidelines on
our signs

used to be an
old wooden
sign here.
Rose will bring
her copy

Improved
Landscape

Center median on RT 4 and Backage Road



All signs should coordinate, uniquely Farmington. Need a spec.

tall grass as long as it's sterile

add one large piece of brownstone (similar to pocket parks) takes up space, focal point, looks clean

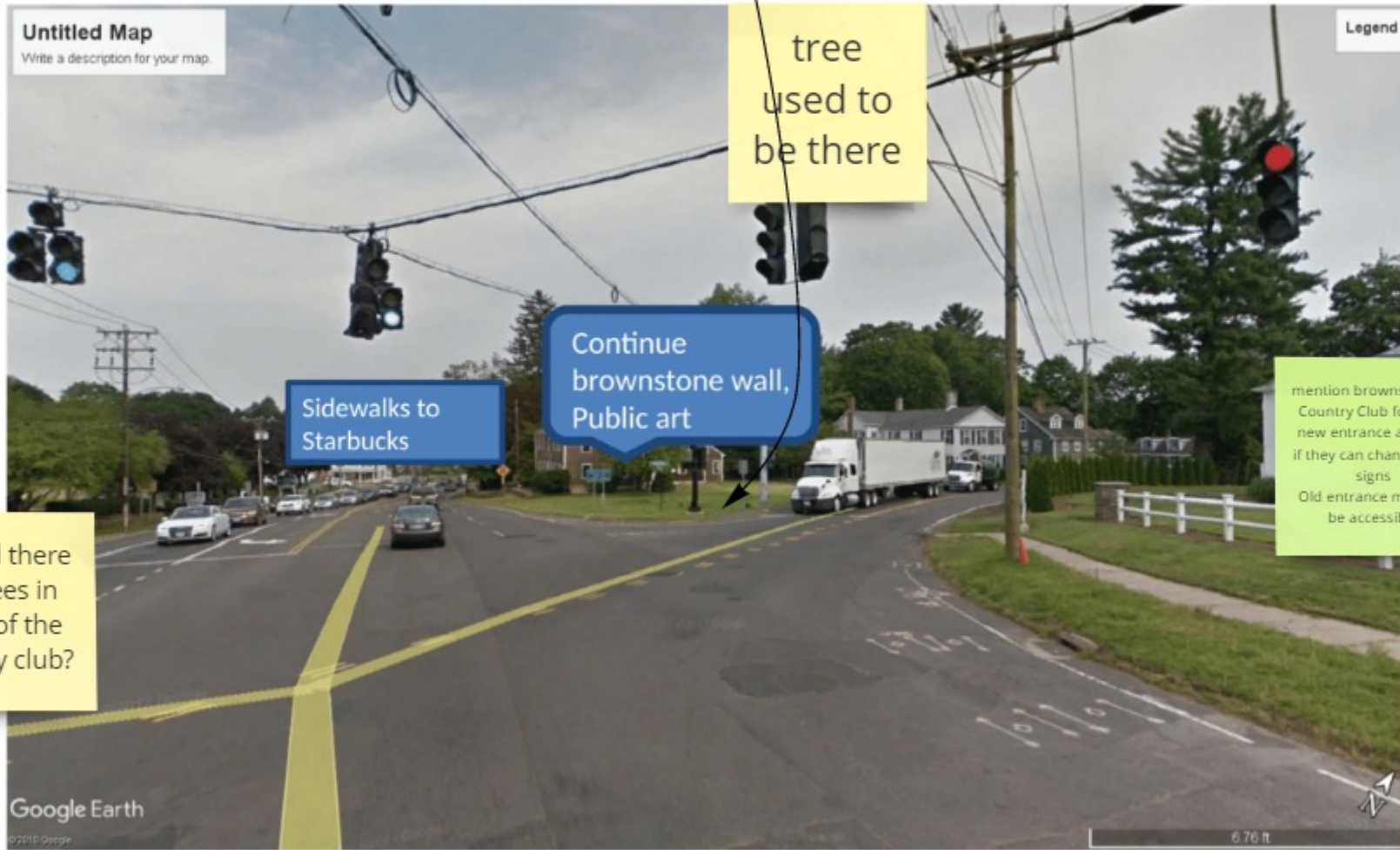


only 1 street tree (gaters)

less is more. hardy plants. low maintenance



this picture is from West Hartford



tree used to be there

Continue brownstone wall, Public art

Sidewalks to Starbucks

Should there be trees in front of the country club?

mention brownstone to Country Club for their new entrance and see if they can change their signs
Old entrance may still be accessible

stamped crosswalk on Waterville Road sidewalk continues all the way down to the River

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Main Street

CT RT 10

All work along or in the road
requires encroachment permit from
CT DOT



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Landscape design
hardscape, mulch
brownstone wall, fences
Relate to other corners

coordinate
with the
Town Green
designer

too many signs on
the island
Town asked for
~20 to be
removed along Rt
4

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ADA Compliance is an issue. Make the sidewalks more accessible



concrete blocks heave don't do this to fix sidewalks

Goal
Safe and uninterrupted sidewalk from RT 4 to CVS.



look at sidewalks piece by piece - go around/over roots

is it costly to do piece by piece? or should we do large sections at a time

permeable surface that the water can go through -except you need to have a base to dig into it. That could dig up more roots



Is concrete the vision? No. We don't want it to be all uniform

• Sidewalks and trees don't interact well but both are essential

• Many areas of sidewalks in poor condition.

• Need to eliminate trip hazards



go over tar and root and make a smooth little hill "gentle rise"





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make crosswalks look uniform.
 Relatively inexpensive.
 Need permission from the state to upgrade

all crosswalks in the village would be "spec" for stamped brick



use these signs to "kick off" black and white sign ideas

shade trees

Install landscaped snow shelf

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Very nice, granite curbs,
Who maintains?

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Very nice, a bench ?
Who maintains?
Unique demands a premium



Questionable sign?

example of brownstone

We want more places like this

pocket park concept near CVS



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Seating area
discussed
with Father
Barry

Parking

pocket park. Church
responsible for
maintenance but
hopefully they will
work with the
Garden Club

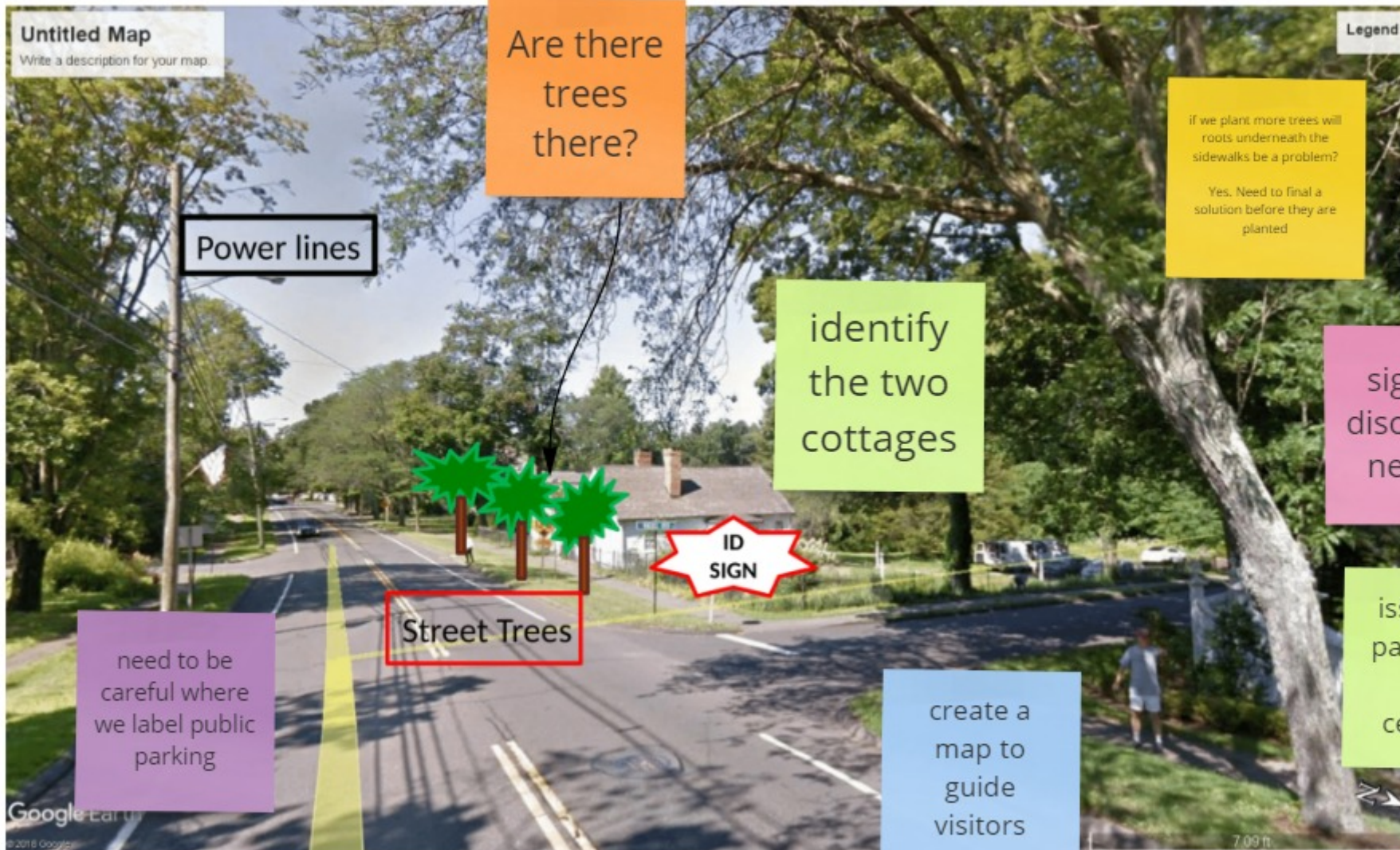
breaking
ground in
Spring 2019

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research:
old fashion
kiosk at the
first church



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Are there trees there?

Power lines

if we plant more trees will roots underneath the sidewalks be a problem?

Yes. Need to final a solution before they are planted

identify the two cottages

signage discussion needed

ID SIGN

Street Trees

need to be careful where we label public parking

create a map to guide visitors

issue with parking for the cemetery

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bike sharing

What was here ?

could be a perfect spot for a pocket park, farm type of art

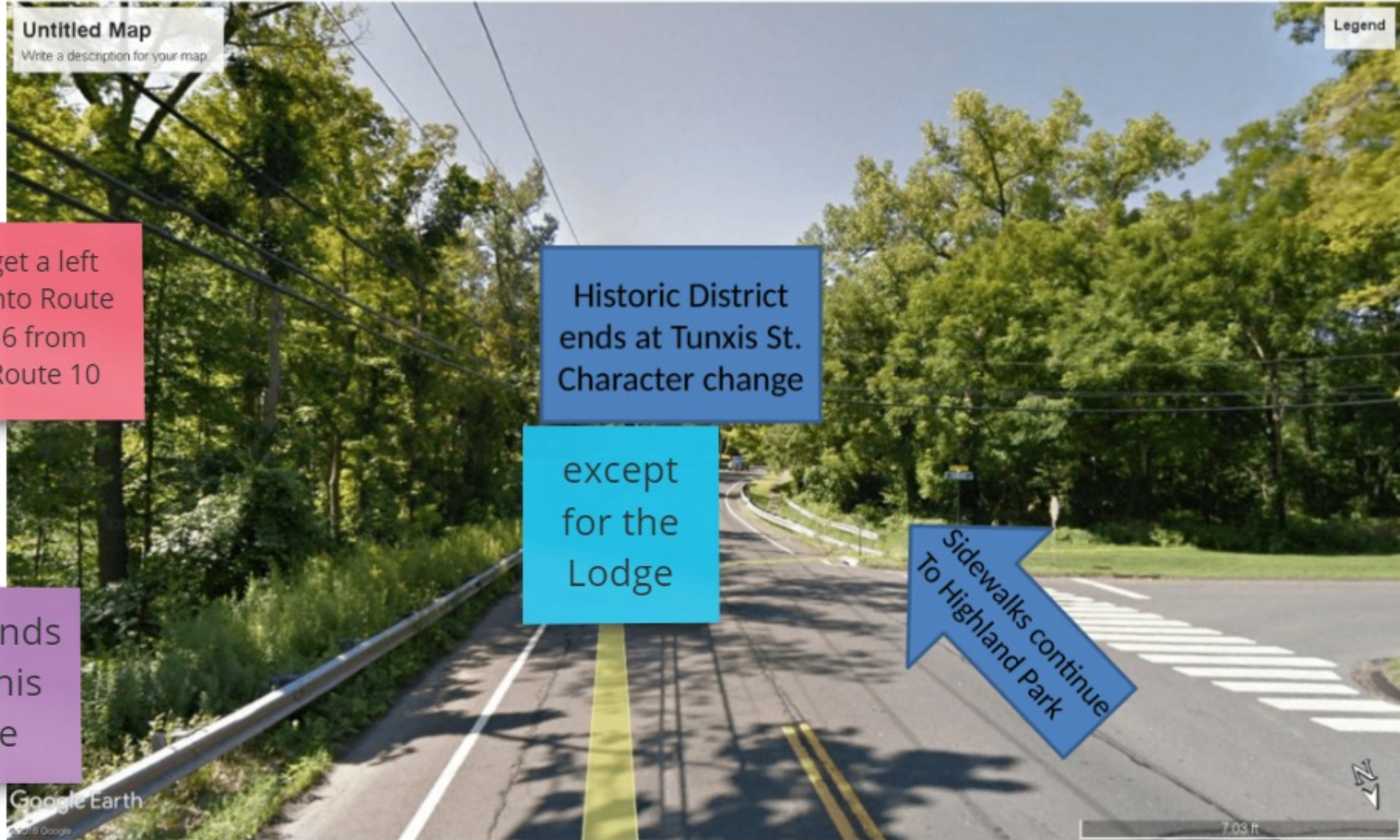
there was an accident at that location

matching walkways to CVS

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get a left
onto Route
6 from
Route 10

"walking
bridge
would be so
charming"

wetlands
on this
side

Historic District
ends at Tunxis St.
Character change

except
for the
Lodge

Sidewalks continue
To Highland Park

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New construction,
sidewalks
required











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Work with Eversource to improve appearance and construct sidewalks

could this be a parking lot with something covering it?

neat pavement vs gravel

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can that be installed as a bike path to begin with?

555 feet of sidewalk to be installed









SANDY POINT
Beach

GREENVALE
Vineyards

