

Town of Farmington
Farmington Village Center Committee
March 7, 2019

Present

Bruce Charette
Portia Corbett
Betty Coykendall
Kevin Ray
Michael Gurski
Sara Willett
Liz Sanford

Staff

Rose Ponte

A. Call to Order

Chairman Charette called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. Public Comment- None noted.

C. Reading of the minutes

1) To approve the attached February 8, 2019 minutes

A motion was made and seconded (Ray/Sanford)

a. Motion carried unanimously.

D. New Business

1) To review the site analysis completed by BSC Group

- Jef Fasser, from BSC Group, announced that SharePoint has been set up. All documents from this meeting will be uploaded to the SharePoint site. A link to SharePoint will be added to the FAQ section of the town's website.
- Jef Fasser, gave a brief synopsis of the stakeholders meeting that took place at the Stanley Whitman House. BSC Group met with various stakeholders whose projects are in the study area and have already received TPZ approval. Most of the projects have already commenced or will be starting soon.
- BSC Group created maps which examined walking conditions throughout the study area. The committee members discussed the various sidewalk repairs throughout the study area, as well as areas that don't have any sidewalks.
- The committee members had the opportunity to explore the constraints and opportunities that exist in the study area. Constraints included topography; lack of available land to add sidewalks, narrow sidewalks on Farmington Avenue, and the mature trees and the preservation of their roots.
- The Committee and the consultants discussed the importance of potential gateways; and the sense of arrival they can provide to the village center as well as the importance of way finding signage on Main Street. Committee members

discussed the importance of the mature trees along Main Street, and they expressed concern about how to accommodate those trees and work around them. The asked the consultants to include techniques that can be used when planting new trees, so they don't hurt sidewalks.

- The Committee members had the opportunity to look at examples existing site features. They focused on of signage, fencing and paving materials.

2) Update from BSC Group on the March 21, 2019 Stakeholders Meeting

The Consultants will begin the meeting by updating everyone on what's been accomplished to date; they will review the existing conditions of the study area and then there will provide breakout sessions that will include sidewalk analysis, issue and opportunities plans, image of existing site features, and voting on the committee's priority matrix. Residents will have an opportunity to go to session and give their feedback and ask questions.

3) To discuss the upcoming March 21, 2019 Public Meeting

The consultants will send Rose a draft agenda and the staff will review and finalize the agenda for the upcoming community meeting. To promote the March 21 meeting, Rose will send out two invitations via constant contact, she will be post the meeting on Explore Farmington, on the Explore Farmington Facebook Page, and on the Town's website.

4) Update on the acquisition of Parsons Property

Kathy Eagen received the Parson's appraisal from the DOT. The property was assessed at \$2,010,000.00. This figure was much higher than the committee expected. Ms. Eagen will contact DOT and request a copy of the appraisals. It is also expected that she will schedule a meeting with our state legislators.

E. To set the next meeting date

Consultants and the Committee determined that the next meeting will take place on Thursday April 11.

F. Other Business – None noted.

G. Public Comment- None noted .

H. Adjournment – A motion was made and seconded (Ray/ Coykendall) to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM

- 1. Motion carried.**