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Minutes
Farmington Village Center Committee
April 11, 2019
Town Hall Council Chambers
6:00 PM

Present

Bruce Charette
Brian Connolly
Betty Coykendall
Sara Willett
Liz Sanford
Nancy Nickerson

Staff

Rose Ponte
Kathy Blonski
Anna Savastano

A. Call to Order.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

B. Public Comment.

Jay Tulin, 39 Timberline Drive

Mr. Tulin shared that he enjoyed the March 21, 2019 Public Meeting and asked the Committee not to forget about signage in the Study Area. He also stressed the importance of ADA Compliance.

C. Reading of the Minutes.

1) To approve the attached March 7, 2019 minutes. (Attachment A)

Upon a motion made and seconded (Sanford/Nickerson) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the March 7, 2019 minutes.

2) To approve the attached March 21, 2019 minutes. (Attachment B)

Brian Connolly requested the minutes be changed to reflect that he was present at the meeting.

Upon a motion made and seconded (Sanford/Nickerson) it was unanimously VOTED: to approve the March 21, 2019 minutes as amended.

D. To provide feedback on various streetscape improvement design options.

The committee reviewed the streetscape improvement options that were presented to the public on March 21, 2019. The committee had the opportunity to provide feedback on these design options to see how the committee's priorities aligned with the communities. In general, the committee and the community selected the same streetscape enhancement options with a few minor variations

E. To review the March 21, 2019 public meeting input/results and the online survey results of the streetscape improvement design options.

Jef Faser of BSC Group gave an overview of the results from the Streetscape improvement design. **See Attachment 1.**

Overall, it was very apparent that sidewalks are a priority and the community had equal

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interest in lighting, flags, banners, streets trees, and gateways.

F. To review and take action on the recommendation(s) from BSC Group on early action items.

Jef Faser gave a list of suggested early action items for the committee to consider.

- 1) Landscape Islands and Medians (appearance and corrective action)
- 2) New crosswalks and ramps (accessibility, safety and appearance) at Meadow Road, the Farmington Fire Station, and School Street.
 - a. These locations were selected because they are already existing crosswalks, so they would not be subject to additional Department of Transportation approvals.
- 3) Hanging Flower Baskets on the DiPietro Bridge.
- 4) Walking Tour for residents, visitors, local promotion
- 5) Public Art (placemaking, appearance, local culture)
- 6) Combine Island Planting with Public Art

G. To review the next steps for BSC Group and the Committee.

From BSC Group's recommendations, the Committee decided to form two sub-committees. These committees will be 1. Walking Tour Sub-committee and 2. Route 4 Triangle (Median) Sub-Committee. Staff will send out an email to the entire committee to see who is interested in serving on the sub-committees.

The Committee tasked the Town Manager to work with Town Staff to implement the recommended new crosswalks and ramps in the study area. It was also decided that the next Committee Meeting will be focused on giving recommendations to BSC Group for sidewalks in the study area. BSC Group will be presenting their final recommendations at the following meeting.

H. To provide an update on the Farmington Village Green & Library Association Landscape Plan.

Update will be given at the next Committee meeting.

I. To provide an update on Parsons Property acquisition.

Kathy Eagen gave an update on the status of the acquisition of Parsons Property. Kathy and Rose Ponte met with Division of Rights of Way at the Department of Transportation to discuss the next steps for the Town. Town Representatives also met with State Legislators to request assistance with amending House Bill No. 7101 - June Special Session, Special Act No. 15-1.

J. To approve a Meeting Schedule (Please bring your calendars.)

The next meeting will be May 9th at 6:00 pm. Staff will email the committee members to schedule an additional meeting in June.

K. Public Comment.

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Mr. Tulin had a question pertaining to the Special Act.

L. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. (Nickerson/Willett)

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cc: Committee Members
Paula Ray, Town Clerk

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anna Savastano". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anna Savastano



Discussion Overview

1. Committee Voting on Streetscape Elements
2. Summary of Public Input
 - Sidewalks/Crosswalks
 - Streetscape Elements
 - Gateways
 - Priorities
3. Early Action Items
4. Next Steps



What We Heard at the Public Meeting

- Table One – Sidewalks and Crosswalks
- Table Two – Site Elements
- Table Three – Gateways

- Voting Matrix – tell us your priorities



Sidewalks and Crosswalks - Voting Tallies



Sidewalk Width

3' Wide

5

4' Wide

9

5' Wide

10

6' Wide

13





Site Features - Signage

Identification Signage



Wayfinding Signage



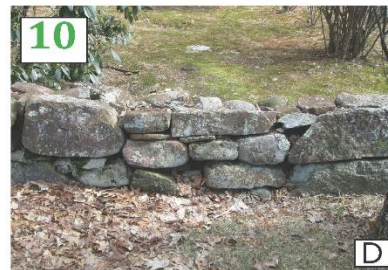
Interpretive Signage



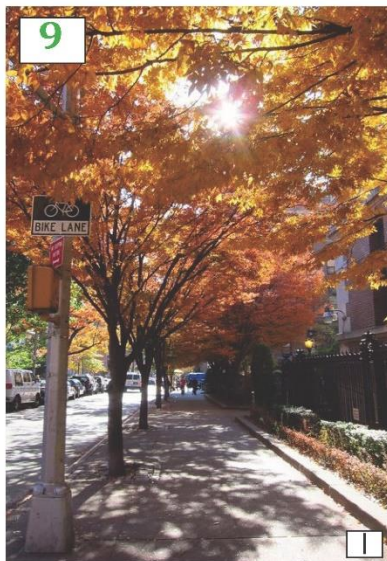


Site Features - Site Walls and Plantings

Site Walls



Plantings



More Trees?

YES

NO

34

7

Replant Median?

YES

NO

33

6



Site Features - Site Lighting





Site Features - Fencing

Picket Fence



Screening Fence





Site Features - Site Amenities

Bicycle Racks



3



C



D

Bike Racks?

35
Y

5
N

Benches



E



F



G



H



I

Trash Receptacles



J



K



L



M



Site Features - Public Art



A



B



C



D



E



F



G



H



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J



K

Public Art?

YES

NO

30

9



Gateway Locations

Scott Swamp Road

Route 6 Overpass

Tunxis Street

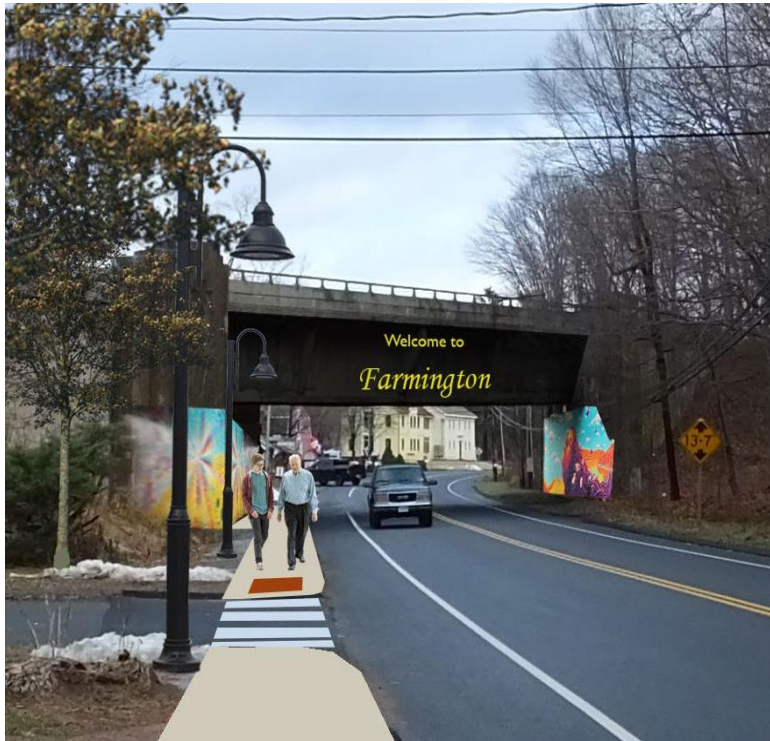


High Street

Mountain Spring Road



Gateway Treatments



Route 6 Overpass



Scott Swamp Road



Mountain Spring Road



Priority Matrix

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|---|--------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Item | Public Votes | Online Survey 131 Respondents | Quality of Life Subcommittee (Oct. 2018) |
| Table I - Sidewalks and Crosswalks | | | |
| Main St. Sidewalk Repair Where Necessary | 34 | 73 | High - 1 |
| Main St. Sidewalk Entire Length | One Side | | |
| | 8 | 29 | Medium |
| | Both Sides | | |
| | 42 | 60 | Medium |
| Decorative Crosswalks | 3 | 46 | High - 4 |
| Table II - Site Features | | | |
| Decorative Pedestrian Lighting | 1 | 68 | High - 1 |
| Flags, Banners, and Flowers on Lightpoles | 11 | 58 | High - 1 |
| Wayfinding / Interpretive Signage | 17 | 35 | High - 1 |
| Street Trees | 40 | 76 | |
| Table III - Gateways | | | |
| Gateways / Welcome Signs | 20 | 43 | High - 2 |
| No Table | | | |
| Create Pocket Parks | 20 | 48 | Medium |
| Create Public Parking Lots | 12 | 34 | Low |



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MEADOW ROAD



MAIN STREET
SCALE: 1" = 100'



FIRE STATION



SCHOOL STREET



Early Action Suggestions

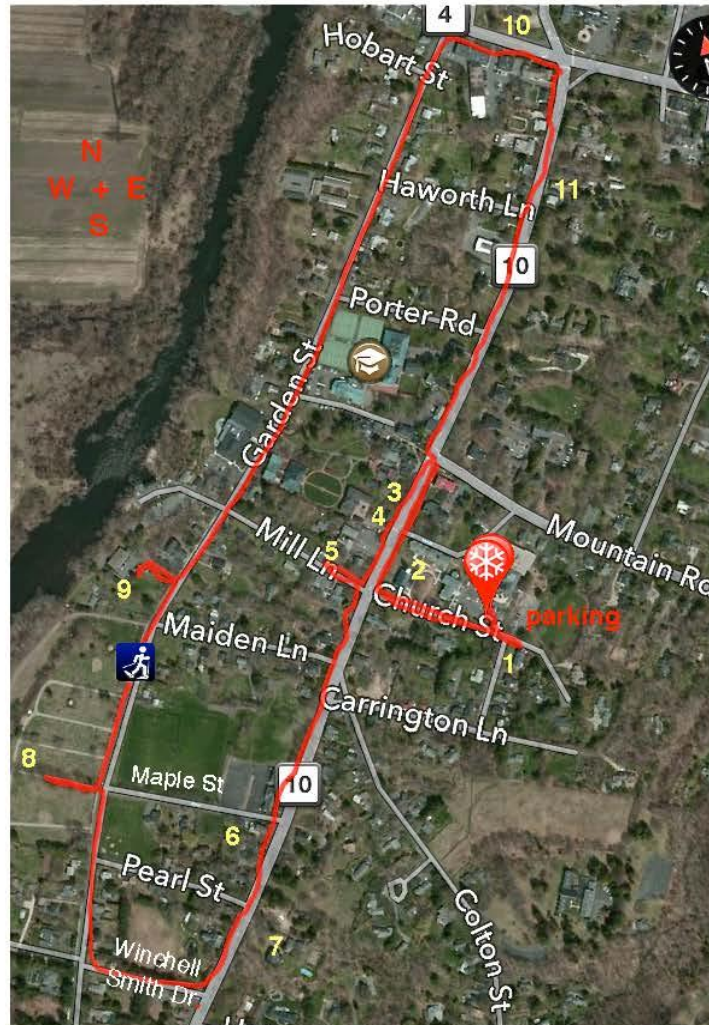
Hanging Flower Baskets on Bridge gateway into Village Center and appearance





Early Action Suggestions

**Walking Tour
for residents, visitors
local promotion**



Farmington's Freedom Trail 2.7 miles

Key to Farmington's Freedom Trail

1. 13 Church St Union Hall CT
Site of abolitionist and anti-abolitionist meetings.
2. 75 Main St First Church of Christ 1771 NRHP
Freed Amistad survivors were welcomed here. CT
3. 66 Main St Samuel Deming House CT
An abolitionist who supervised the African stay.
4. Farmington and the Freedom Trail Marker HMdb
5. 2 Mill Lane Samuel Deming Store
Africans attended classes on the second floor.
6. 116 Main St Rev. Noah Porter House CT
An abolitionist & minister of the First Church.
7. 127 Main St Austin F. Williams House CT NRHP
& (yellow) Carriage House, a dormitory for the Africans.
8. Riverside Cemetery and Foone's burial site.
9. 128 Garden St. Pitkin Basin HMdb
Africans would swim in Pitkin Basin after work.
10. 820 Farmington Ave Chauncey Brown House CT
Dr. Brown housed an Amistad captive.
11. 27 Main St Smith-Cowles House CT
A station for the Underground Railroad.

CT = Connecticut Historical Commission
 NRPH = National Register of Historic Places
 HMdb = Historic Marker Database

The Farmington Historical Society tour of these sites is highly recommended.

Extensions by auto

- 1 Mountain Spring Rd. Elijah Lewis House
Fugitive slaves were hidden here.
- 11 Mountain Spring Rd. John Norton House. Norton was CT
a founding member of the Anti-Slavery Society in 1836.
- 340 Main St Timothy Wadsworth House CT
An Underground Railroad station.



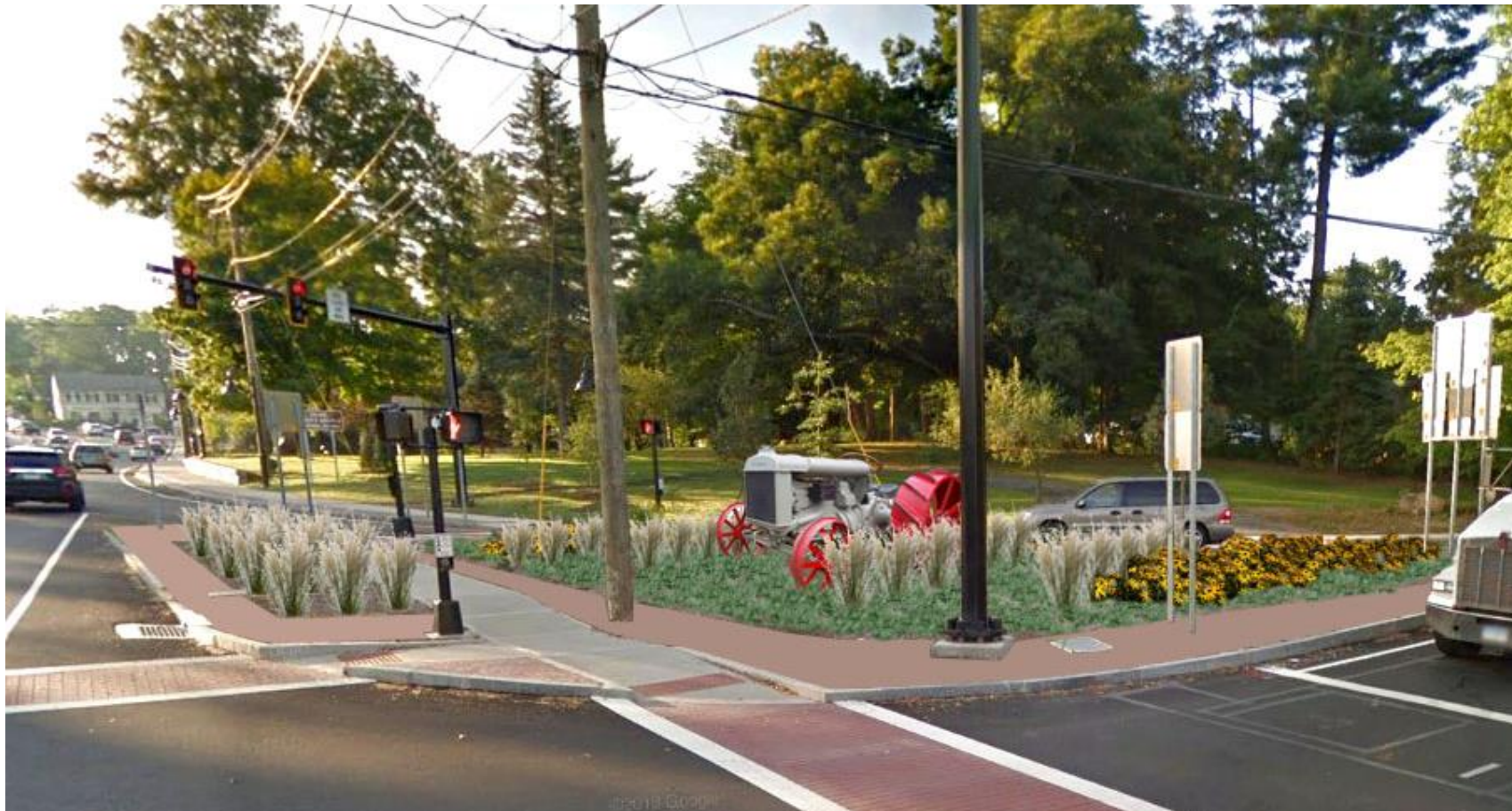
Early Action Suggestions

**Public Art
placemaking, appearance, local culture**





Early Action Suggestions Combine Island Planting with Public Art





Project Context Map

Please use sticky notes to let us know any ideas, comments, or concerns you have about specific locations



- LEGEND
- PROJECT AREA
 - TRAIL
 - POINT OF INTEREST
 - OPEN SPACE
 - WETLANDS
 - WATER BODY
 - HISTORIC DISTRICT

