

MINUTES CEDARVILLE STEERING COMMITTEE,

10-12-23 AT CEDARVILLE FIRE STATION, COMMUNITY ROOM

ATTENDING MEMBERS: Don Holm (Chairperson), Marcia Sheridan (Clerk), Jodie Burkett, Gerre Hooker, Kathryn Holmes, and Tess Brennan. ABSENT: Joseph Assiradoo

GUESTS: Caren Wilds, Rep. Mat Muratore, Stephen Cole, and Louise Johnson.

Meeting called to order at 6:40 PM.

Minutes for 9-14-23 had previously been distributed to the Committee for review. Tess was concerned her comments about traffic impact from the Tupper Hill project had not been included. She also disputed whether Mr. Sheridan had stated the five-acre gift he planned for the Town had been designated as open space. Kathryn felt more needed to be said about the impact to Cedarville traffic because of the bridge construction. As a result the Minutes were tabled with instructions to the Clerk to make additions.

The Chair welcomed guests Rep. Mat Muratore and Stephen Cole. They were in attendance to furnish the Committee with updates for the Village, especially in regards to traffic. Mr. Cole is the Executive Director of The Plymouth Foundation. His group is a non-profit that is independent from the Town, and is working to oversee the sale of a large parcel of land on Hedges Pond Road. The construction of the anticipated rotary is tied to the sale of this commercial property. The construction of the rotary will be a Town run operation. Mr. Cole gave a synopsis of what he expects the future to hold for the parcel of land, and he is anticipating the property will be the future sight for high paying positions such as warehousing, biotech industry, and other high growth potential jobs. Don commented the Foundation seems to have a good feel for the future.

Kathryn was disappointed Bill Coyle (DPW Director) and Lee Hartmann (Planning Director) were unable to attend the meeting. She made a request to Rep. Muratore for information about what plans would be considered to assist the business community with the anticipated traffic nightmare that will be the result of all the bridge construction work. She is deeply concerned about this, and is questioning whether traffic cops will be provided to help with the flow of traffic. Kathryn is also concerned that Mass DOT and the Town Public Works are not furnishing the Committee with updates. Rep. Muratore said the volume of traffic going through Cedarville will not allow for simple traffic lights to be a part of the solution. A Rotary will be the best way to maintain a reasonable flow of traffic. Money for the project could possibly come from the bridge project. He has met with Senator Ed Markey, and the Senator assured him Exit 3 will be part of the bridge project, and the Sagamore Bridge is slated to be the first of the two bridges to undergo construction.

A Traffic Study for the Cedarville Village District has been given to Don by Robin Carver and Lee Hartmann. Don met with the two prior to this October meeting. Money is being appropriated by the Town for additional studies. It is estimated the cost for a rotary will be \$2.9 million.

Kathryn learned from Town Manager Derek Brandisi that the "Manomet Roundabout" is not currently in the Mass DOT plan, but this could change as of this coming January. The Committee agreed to ramp up our support for this in January.

Louise Johnson came before the Committee because she has serious concerns about the lack of maintenance on Little Sandy Pond Road. Ms. Johnson has family members who are being forced to replace tires on a regular basis because the road is in such poor condition. Suggestions were made to Ms. Johnson about how she can possibly get help from the DPW with this problem. Don commented on the amount of traffic that is generated from construction equipment when a development is going in, especially when sand and gravel are being mined all over the County.

The Committee discussed whether it might be feasible to seek a new liaison from the Planning Board. It was thought Mr. Tim Grande was going to be attending meetings, but so far he hasn't given the Committee much support.

An upcoming question at the October Town Meeting could have an impact on the future of the Village Steering Committees. The relevancy of these Committees is being questioned. It was decided that because there is no real representation such as a Selectperson specifically representing each section of the Town, the Steering Committees are indeed pertinent.

Each Committee person will be taking a portion of the Village Master Plan as it is written, study it, give a final edit, and then do a forward vision for what we want achieved. Going forward, we need to get other people from the community involved with the direction we want for Cedarville. Don will be sending the Committee members an email on how the Master Plan will be divided. It was suggested George McKay may be a good source for emails so we can reach out to community members in that format. We will also start utilizing Social Media to keep the community informed.

Town Meeting may be appropriating funds for the development of an Outreach Survey. It would be helpful to the Committee if all the businesses in the Cedarville district participated in the survey.

A motion to approve the wordage for the SEMPBA sign was made by Tess, and the motion was seconded by Jodie. The sign will say "Welcome to Cedarville/ 1669".

A handout was distributed which had been originated by Robin Carver. The handout shows what other villages have submitted for the Village Annual Report. The information is due to the Town Clerk for January publication. Everyone will be looking over the handout and making suggestions at the November meeting for what Cedarville will submit.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:02 PM by Gerre, and this motion seconded by Kathryn.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Sheridan (Clerk)