

**TOWN OF FARMINGTON, CT**  
**Gateway Committee Meeting**  
**June 18, 2015**

**Present**

Jeff Apuzzo  
Amy Suffredini  
Augusto Russell  
Peter Bagdigian

**Staff:**

Kathy Eagen  
Rose Ponte  
Bill Warner

**A. Call to Order.**

The Meeting was called to order at 5:06p.m.

**B. Open Meeting to Public**

Mrs. Pat Karwoski, a long time Farmington resident and former TPZ Commission member, spoke about the Route 4 DOT project. She has contacted DOT and has been told that they have not done a traffic study since 2000. She feels the road improvements are hampered by the inability to widen the road, making DOT's options very limited. She voiced concerned that the DOT design will hamper High Street as well as the Brickwalk shops. She is very concerned about the high volume of traffic that will be using High Street, and suggested making High Street one way. She pointed out that going east the traffic backup only occurs between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:30 am but going west, the traffic is backed up from 12:00 to 7:00 PM. In reference to the study area she noted that we must provide better access to open space and the river. She wants clarification concerning how the historical structures in the area have been identified and she inquired if anyone has contacted Bank of America.

In response to Mrs. Karwoski's comments concerning how the historical structures were identified, Mr. Paul Kramer outlined the three criteria that were used to identify the historic structures.

**C. Communications**

No communications.

**D. Minutes**

Upon a motion made and seconded (Suffredini/Bagdigian) it was unanimously

VOTED: To approve the June 2, minutes.

**E. Review the Consultant's Draft Report and Executive Summary**

**1. General Comments**

Mrs. Amy Suffredini thought the executive summary was very helpful. She was pleased that the report included implementation steps. She noted that although it contained a few typos and mistakes, they did not detract from

the content. She thought the explanation of the Route 4 DOT project was much clearer than the first draft.

Mr. Apuzzo did not have time to read the entire report again, he would like to take some time to review that report before commenting.

Ms. Eagen thought once the committee had time to review the entire report we would make it available but only after it was clearly labeled "DRAFT".

Mrs. Portia Corbett expressed that Mountain Spring Road must also be protected.

Lisa Johnson expressed that she found both the executive summary and the draft report to be excellent and that the consultants did a great job. She noted that the executive summary gave a great synopsis and the draft report contain so much detail that it was similar to an encyclopedia of the study area.

Katie Bradley suggested that a communication go to the workshop attendees outlining the work that's been done since the March workshops. The email should include the executive summary, and future meeting dates.

Paul Kramer asked if the options included in the draft report would be reviewed again or wondered if the community will have an opportunity to discuss and vote on them. He noted that by labeling the different concepts options 1, 2 and 3 it gives the reader the idea and all those options are still on the table.

Lisa Johnson expressed that this is a cumulative process, the consultants have vetted and cogitated all the comments and proposed the plan that most of the attendees selected. She expressed that we have paid the consultants and they have provided the information, the committee should not need to discuss all the options again.

Several from the public wondered how the committee would move forward, and expressed that it would be better to label each of the plans concepts, instead of options.

**F. Determine vehicles to promote the reports**

It was decided that an email blast would be sent by the beginning of next week that will provide the attendees of the workshops the executive summary, and an update of the work that has been done since the March workshops.

During the first week of July, another email will be sent with the Committee's cover letter and a link to the full draft report.

The report will be available at the

1. Library

2. Town's Website
3. Town Manager's Office
4. Farmington Library

Email blasts, and an everbridge message will also be sent outlining where one can find a copy of the report.

**G. Schedule a Community Meeting.**

The community meeting will be held on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the Community Center. The consultants will be there to present their report.

**H. Adopt a meeting schedule for July and August.**

It was decided that the Committee will meet on July 16, August 20, and September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**I Old Business- None**

**I. Adjournment**

Upon a motion made and seconded (Russell/Bagdigian) it was unanimously VOTED: To adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

cc: Sub-Committee Members  
Bill Warner, Town Planner  
Kathleen A. Eagen, Town Manager  
Paula Ray, Town Clerk  
Deb Bull, Administrative Assistant