# Rte. 108 Corridor Study Committee Meeting Minutes March 23, 2017

# **Municipal Center, Selectmen's Meeting Room**

10 Bunker Hill Avenue Time: 7:00 PM

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Norton Newborn, Lucy Cushman, Melissa Currier, Joe Lovejoy (Selectman's Representative),Nate Merrill, Maria Stowell

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Roger Groux

#### STAFF PRESENT

Paul Deschaine, Town Administrator

Tavis Austin, Town Planner

Members of the public also present.

### CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00

## ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

J Lovejoy moved and M currier seconded a motion to accept the minutes of February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

A typographical error was noted for correction. With that correction motion passed by unanimous vote.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Follow up on Nate Merrill/Lucy Cushman report

The Chair called on the presenters to add or clarify any points from their presentation as the minutes may not have been thorough. Discussion followed on how to conduct the business of the Committee.

#### Identification of Issues

- Any action on water and sewer should strive for these goals.
  - 1. Derive more tax base from business/commercial development
  - 2. Optimize development in the gateway and prevent sprawl
  - 3. Attract diverse business types

- 4. Walkable, easy access spaces; green spaces
- 5. Mix of population (age, socio-economic)
- Encourage fellow residents to get involved through methods such as social media, mailings, newspaper inserts, surveys. Discussion of best way to conduct a survey.
- The chair asked members to provide answers to questions posed by M. Currier in particular (copies were provided) and other questions in general as a first step in developing the information to be presented to the public.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

N Merrill moved and L Cushman seconded a motion to change the meeting schedule to the  $2^{nd}$  and  $4^{th}$  Thursdays of the month (currently  $1^{st}$  and  $4^{th}$  Thursdays). Passed by unanimous vote.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

V Ludington commented that she had learned new information on the goals of the water/sewer project. There is an impression among residents that the goal of providing water and sewer is solely to benefit businesses.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

April 13, 2017

#### **ADJOURMENT**

N Merrill moved and L. Cushman seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:48 pm. Passed by unanimous vote