Rte. 108 Corridor Study Committee Minutes October 25, 2018

Municipal Center, Selectmen's Meeting Room

10 Bunker Hill Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lucy Cushman, Michael Dane (by telephone), Joe Lovejoy (Chairman, Selectman's Representative), Nathan Merrill, Maria Stowell

MEMBERS ABSENT

Richard Swett

STAFF PRESENT

Tavis Austin (Town Planner)

Paul Deschaine (Town Administrator)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Houghton (Selectman), Russ Thibeault (Consultant with AER)

CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

PARTICIPATION BY PHONE

Dane was traveling and not able to physically attend the meeting but did participate by phone from his car. Deschaine explained that NH RSA 91-A allows telephonic participation by public body members provided certain conditions are met. It was determined that conditions were satisfied, including all attendees were able to be heard by all others in attendance, and Dane confirmed that no one else was present in his car.

DISCUSSION

Thibeault of Applied Economic Research led the discussion by presenting a draft of his report. Discussion related to water and sewer impact on property values, costs of providing utilities, options for funding, expected rate of new development, factors that would encourage new development and motivate developers to demolish older existing buildings. AER's draft report is based on information from Weston & Sampson, which included cost estimates for proposed sewer improvements. Additional information on the cost of water service is needed before the AER report can be completed.

MEETING HANDOUTS

AER handout "Preliminary Modeling Analysis Stratham Route 108 Infrastructure Analysis" dated October 25, 2018

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was tentatively set for November 8 at 7:00 p.m. The Chair will confirm before posting.

ADJOURMENT

Merrill moved and Stowell seconded a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Passed by unanimous roll call vote.

SUBMITTED BY

M Stowell
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