

Route 108 Corridor Study Committee Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2018

Municipal Center, Selectman's Meeting Room

10 Bunker Hill Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT

Joe Lovejoy (Chairman and Selectman's Representative), Lucy Cushman, Nathan Merrill and Richard Swett

MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael Dane, Maria Stowell

STAFF PRESENT

Tavis Austin (Town Planner)

Paul Deschaine (Town Administrator)

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

None

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Lovejoy called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 14, 2018 meeting had been previously distributed. A reading of the minutes was waived. Merrill moved and Cushman seconded a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Passed by unanimous vote.

Committee Discussions

1. Merrill made a Motion to accept the Vision Statement as attached to the Minutes of the June 14, 2018 Meeting Minutes. Cushman seconded the motion. Passed by unanimous vote.
2. Merrill made a Motion to accept Survey prepared by Michael Dane and distributed to the Committee in Dane's email dated June 15, 2018. Lovejoy seconded the motion. Lovejoy, Merrill and Swett vote yea. Cushman abstained.
3. Distribution of the Survey to the Stratham Town Residents was discussed.
 - a. Deschaine stated that the largest Town email distribution list was the Board of Selectmen's email list. Lovejoy said that he would contact the Board of Selectmen to request approval to use their email list for survey distribution.
 - b. A link to the Survey would be posted on the Stratham Town website and the Town Facebook Page. The link would have the notice that only one response per resident was permitted. After the Survey link is activated, the Survey questions would be available for responses.
 - c. The Survey time period would expire on July 30, 2018.
 - d. Paper copies of the Survey would be available at the Town Hall.
 - e. Deschaine's proposed the idea of a post card bulk mailing to the Town residents. After a discussion, the Committee's consensus was to postpone the bulk mailing idea.
4. Merrill proposed the idea of developing a Survey to be completed by the Property and Business Owners in the Gateway Commercial Business District (GCBD). After a discussion, the Committee's consensus was to place the subject on the Agenda for the July 12, 2018 Committee meeting. The initial Survey would be questions for the GCBD Property Owners. Lovejoy requested that Committee members bring questions to be included in the Survey to the July 12, 2018 Meeting.
5. The PWC recommended and the Board of Selectman approved an Agreement for Engineering Services to evaluate wastewater alternatives for the Route 108 Corridor submitted by Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. The Committee discussed the four following alternatives:
 - a. Connection to the Exeter sewer system via Portsmouth Avenue
 - b. Direct connection to the Exeter wastewater treatment facility via Parcel 04-007 owned by LaBonte Investment Realty LLC.
 - c. A centralized or decentralized wastewater treatment facilities located in Stratham.
 - d. Connection to the Newmarket wastewater system via Newfields via the Stuart Farm parcel.

Cushman made a Motion that the Route 108 Committee concurs with the PWC recommendation dated June 4, 2018 (and as amended by the PWC) and the BOS approval to engage Weston & Sampson to evaluate wastewater alternatives for the Route 108 Corridor. Merrill seconded the motion. Passed by unanimous vote.

6. The Committee discussed the Advanced Economic Research (AER) proposal for a Cost of Community Services Study and to use AER's economic impact model to reflect Stratham's economic environment, including town/school revenues and expenses, resulting from extension of sewer and water service in the GBCD.

Paul Deschaine provided a list of Fundamental Questions to be Answered by an Economic Model Proposed by AER. The Committee discussed the list of Questions.

Merrill made a Motion that the Route 108 Committee recommends the Town to move forward with the Advanced Economic Research to determine if the questions presented by the Committee will be answered by AER's economic model. Cushman seconded the motion. Passed by unanimous vote.

7. Lovejoy reminded the Committee members that additional Committee members would be welcome.
8. **NEXT MEETING**
 - a. July 12, 2018
9. **ADJOURNMENT**
 - a. Merrill moved and Cushman seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:31 PM. Passed by unanimous vote.

SUBMITTED BY

Richard W. Swett

Acting Secretary