

Town of Tamworth  
Board of Selectmen's Meeting  
June 5, 2006  
Runnell's Hall



PRESENT John Roberts, William Farnum and Thomas Abugelis

OTHERS  
PRESENT

FST Engineering representatives Peter Howe and Kevin Gagne, NH DOT representatives Ram Maddali, Mark Morrill, and Bill Oldenberg, NH DES representative Caroline Russell, Chocorua Community Project Administrator Donna Lane, Cassandra Pearce, Anne Abear and many members of the Chocorua Community.

*Chairman John Roberts opened the meeting at 5:13 p.m.*

Thomas Abugelis recused himself from any votes being taken at this meeting regarding the Chocorua Community project as he personally may benefit directly from any project developments.

Jim Bowditch thanked the Board of Selectmen for bringing the engineering firm to Runnell's Hall for this meeting which allows for many people of the Chocorua Community to attend.

MEETING WITH  
FST ENGINEERING  
REGARDING THE  
CHOCORUA  
COMMUNITY  
PROJECT

Peter Howe, Senior Vice President of FST Engineering introduced himself, Kevin Gagne, FST Project Engineer, Ram Maddali, Bill Oldenberg and Mark Morrill of NH DOT, and Caroline Russell of NH DES.

Mr. Howe gave background to the selection of FST Engineering last fall by the Board of Selectmen and presented a survey of the proposed extended project area. Further, Mr. Howe indicated HE Bergeron Engineering completed the survey and that there is still additional survey work to be completed, but that FST was happy with the plan that was submitted.

Mr. Howe continued the meeting by defining the process for this project to include:

1. Conceptual Development – many plans/designs being put together including the Route 16 Corridor Study of 1994, the June 12, 1999 Tamworth Charrette, the May 11 – 12, 2000 NH DOT Design Charrette, the October 10, 2002 Chocorua Village Workshop, the October 2003/July 2004 Traffic Island Tests and the meetings held with the Board of Selectmen in the fall of 2005.
2. Engineering Study – this is the current process that is approximately 95% complete. This study requires a preservation company to conduct a historical review. FST will be meeting with NH DOT and the NH Historical Commission on July 13, 2006 to ask for their input and concerns on this project. Additionally, although this project has limited funds, the entire project is being engineered into steps that will identify the goals of the project



along with the cost associated with each phase of the project. This portion of the process includes public input, which is the reason this meeting is being held this evening.

3. Final Design – includes putting a bid package together
4. Bid & Award Phase – includes putting the project out to bid with bid meetings and awarding the project to a contractor.
5. Construction

The project schedule from this time forward is proposed as:

1. Survey completion
2. Historical Review – Ongoing
3. Kick-off meeting – June 5, 2006 (TODAY!)
4. Consensus Building Meeting – August 2006
5. Submit Approval of Engineering Study – September 2006
6. Final Design – September 2006 – January 2007
7. Bid and Award Phase – January 2007 – Spring of 2007
8. Construction – Spring 2007 – Fall of 2007

Summary of Major issues:

1. Pedestrian Safety - Items of consideration:
  - a. Sidewalks - Must be ADA accessible on both sides of the roadway
    - i. Long term maintenance and expense
    - ii. Materials
    - iii. Limits
    - iv. Destinations
    - v. Bridge crossings
  - b. Crosswalks
    - i. How many
    - ii. Location
    - iii. Warrants
    - iv. Technical Issues
    - v. Signalized crossing
  - c. Bus Stops
    - i. School Buses
    - ii. Regional Buses
2. Traffic Speed
  - a. Speed limit reduction
  - b. Design speed
  - c. Traffic calming
    - i. Alignment deflections
    - ii. Parallel Parking – along Route 16
    - iii. Streetscape/Landscaping
    - iv. Widening of the pavement
    - v. Traffic islands



- vi. Speed bumps
- vii. Making entrance on and off Rte. 16 one way roads
- d. Traffic/Pedestrian Signals
- 3. Parking
  - a. Pocket Park area – the consensus of the Board was that there would be no parking at the pocket park area.
  - b. On-Street
  - c. Off-Street
  - d. Off-Site Parking
  - e. Public/Private
- 4. Streetscape/Landscaping
- 5. Pocket Park
  - a. Planting
  - b. Lighting – The need to possibly put the integrity of the lighting connections in at the time of the construction of the project to prevent the future need of digging up the new construction to place lighting in.
  - c. Signage
  - d. Retaining wall
  - e. Drainage/Erosion Control
- 6. Better storm water treatment measures to reduce pollution and control quantity – Caroline Russell of NH DES discussed ideas and presented examples of treatment measures that can be designed for this area to prevent the run off of water from the roadway going directly back to the river. Additionally, Ms. Russell indicated there was funding available to the community for this project if the expense for the treatment areas was more than originally budgeted for the prevention of pollution into the river.  
  
The Board discussed the storm water run off and the cleaning of the catch basins and who has that responsibility. It was announced that the State of NH DOT would have that responsibility along state roadways.
- 7. Intersection improvement locations (looking at the possibility of making some of these one way intersections):
  - a. NH Rt. 16 and NH Rt. 113
  - b. NH Rt. 16 and Old East Side Road
  - c. NH Rt. 16 and Runnell's Hall Road
  - d. NH Rt. 113 and Old East Side Road

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

The following questions/comments were made by the attendees of the meeting:

- 1. Katherine Dyrenforth discussed the different types of curbing available, parking in front of the park not helping the situation for sight distance and need to review the elevation for the park. Mr. Howe advised the elevation of the old store site would be looked at. Mrs. Dyrenforth advised the public wants sidewalks in the park. Mrs.



- Dyrenforth advised the public would be utilizing the conservation land on the West side of the village.
2. Elizabeth Snyder indicated she was from New Orleans, Louisiana and that New Orleans places vacant police vehicles along the highway which tend to slow down speeding vehicles.
  3. Ann Albrecht advised she would be meeting with Trail ways Bus Line to discuss a stop at G3 Convenience Store and questioned whom this business should contact if they have questions, comments or concerns? John Roberts requested all communication go through the Board of Selectmen who will review and forward the information onto the engineers if needed.
  4. James Bowditch liked the idea of benches in the park and advised it would look better than just having grass on the property. Mr. Bowditch discussed pedestrian traffic across from the post office in which pictures of the dam area are taken. Mr. Bowditch discussed street lighting by the pocket park being essential as the area is very dim.
  5. David Bowles expressed a need to locate the property line on the old store property.
  6. Donald Harte recommended contacting PSNH to discuss innovative lighting sources.
  7. James Turke questioned if the direction of the engineering firm was to preserve the character of the village, protect the safety of the pedestrians and to calm the traffic? Mr. Howe indicated he felt this to be the direction that has been portrayed to the engineers from the beginning. Further, Mr. Turk discussed removing blacktop where possible.
  8. Ken Snyder discussed festival gathering locations and expressed a concern with pedestrian safety during that time.
  9. John Gotjen expressed the goal to have the traffic move at a reasonable pace during the off seasons as well as the busy seasons. Mr. Gotjen discussed the priorities to be completed and felt the direction at this point should not be the park, but on traffic and pedestrian safety. John Roberts indicated when the project started the initial task to be completed was the removal of the building and the securing of the area around the building, then move out from there on the rest of the project. Katherine Dyrenforth felt the need to move away from the park area and to work on the sidewalks and cross walks to allow the pedestrians to walk safely throughout the village. John Roberts indicated the retaining wall needed to be addressed on the old store property to protect from erosion. David Bowles agreed with Mr. Roberts, but advised this wall should be built at the best cost to the Town, not necessarily the most expensive.
  10. Thomas Abugelis speaking as a citizen from the audience, indicated he liked the concept of a park and did not feel it should be placed on the back burner. A park would be a great benefit to the village and all of the businesses in the Town.
  11. Judith Reardon was requested to have all questions directed to the Board of Selectmen on this project.
  12. William Farnum discussed the telephone pole which is creating a hazard and recommended it should be moved.
  13. Christina Fleece advised she would volunteer to be a bus stop location if needed.
  14. Nancy Hanson discussed the speed near her property on White Mountain Highway in which the speed limit was originally posted as 45 mph, and now has changed to 55 mph.



15. Edna Flanagan offered maps and surveys for the Board and the engineering firm to look at when time allows. Ms. Flanagan discussed being the sole owner of the dam and agreed the intersection is very dangerous. Ms. Flanagan recommended adding additional lights in the village and stated she can offer much history to this project if someone was willing to sit with her for a time.
16. Don Barnharte did not feel he need for sidewalks in the area.

John Roberts thanked everyone for attending this meeting and appreciated the input received by all.

OTHER  
BUSINESS

The Board signed the following letters:

1. Addressed to Jed Pike regarding his timber bond requiring a report of cut be submitted prior to his bond being released.
2. A letter to the Tamworth Community Nurse Association regarding the concern of Jo Anne Rainville with the amount of tires located at G3 Convenience Store property.

David Bowles advised the Board that the Town had received approval to place a walking shoulder from the KA Brett School to the junction of Route 113.

ADJOURNMENT *John Roberts moved and William Farnum supported adjourning the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.*

Respectfully submitted  
Anne M. Abear

Approved by the Board of Selectmen

John Roberts

William Farnum

Thomas C. Abugelis