



SCENIC ROADWAYS BOARD
MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD

DATE 13 November 2013

PLACE Narragansett Town Hall, Narragansett, RI

MEMBERS PRESENT Ms. Sue Barker, Mr. Michael DeLuca, Ms. Myrna George (arrived 1:57 PM), Mr. Peter Healey, Mr. Karst Hoogeboom, Ms. Barbara Petrarca, and Mr. Richard Youngken

MEMBERS ABSENT Ms. Lisa Primiano

OTHERS PRESENT Ms. Susan Votta, RIDOT Landscape Unit
Mr. Trevor Jones, RIDOT Landscape Unit
Mr. David Capalbo, RIDOT Road Engineering
Mr. Chris Duhamel, DiPrete Engineering
Mr. Larry LeBlanc, property owner

AGENDA ITEM 1 **Call to Order**
Chairperson Petrarca called the meeting to order at **1:44PM**.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **Approval of the Minutes**
Mr. Hoogeboom, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Healey to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2013 meetings. The motion was passed unanimously, six voted in favor. Voting in favor were: Ms. Barker, Mr. DeLuca, Mr. Healey, Mr. Hoogeboom, Ms. Petrarca, and Mr. Youngken.

AGENDA ITEM 3 **Staff Report**
a. Action Items
i. Route 1, Charlestown, RI
Physical Alteration Permit Application (PAPA) No. 130816

Mr. Duhamel attended to present information on the project. Mr. LeBlanc was in attendance as the owner. The plan shown was titled "Final Subdivision Plan" for N.I.N. LLC Subdivision, Assessor's Plat 17, Lot 186, Charlestown, RI; prepared by DiPrete Engineering, stamped by Christopher Duhamel, PE #5013, dated 09-17-13.

Mr. DeLuca made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hoogeboom to recommend approval to support the PAPA, subject to acknowledging the existing 70' lane for the proposed location of the driveway and with the following:

- Any selective trimming (and only trimming) for sight distance must be approved by the RIDOT Landscape Architecture Unit.
- That the applicant is not proposing a sign, light or gates
- If the applicant proposes a marker that is located in the state right of way, that the marker be constructed as a break away design and ganged so to be a single location verses 2 separate locations.

- A copy of the subdivision approval letter shall be sent to SRB staff and checked that it appears to conform with the Charlestown Route 1 Stewardship Plan.

The motion was passed unanimously, seven voted in favor. Voting in favor were: Ms. Barker, Mr. DeLuca, Ms. George, Mr. Healey, Mr. Hoogeboom, Ms. Petrarca, and Mr. Youngken.

ii. Route 1, Charlestown, RI
Route 1 - 1R Project

Mr. Capalbo presented an overview of the RIDOT project. The pavement condition improvements will be performed with a mill and overlay. There is a proposed change for approx. 3,200 LF of steel guardrail that is proposed for safety improvements. Cable rail would have been recommended but in this narrow median the cable would not work. Also, the existing guardrail was installed in 1993 and since then natural vegetation has grown into the clear zone and into the guardrail deflection zone. Trimming and removal of some existing vegetation will be part of the project. The project does not have funding for proposed landscape.

Discussion of concerns from the Board members occurred, including the following:

- Does the proposed guardrail coincide with the Corridor Management Plan?
- This area should receive improvements like Jamestown has received
- Tourism affects should be considered
- There should be some information relayed to the public on the vegetation removal
- Could the pavement improvements be accomplished without any guardrail work?
- Has the town of Charlestown commented on the project? (Mr. Capalbo stated that the Town had been sent the 90% plans for review and had not commented yet.)

Conclusion is to see if there are any alternatives to the steel guardrail, look into not doing the millings, evaluate the vegetation trimming and removals, and consider PR for the vegetation changes. These items can be reported on at the next meeting.

b. Non-Action Items -

i. Discuss openings on the Board and appointments

1. Discussion deferred to the next meeting

ii. Applications update and discussion

1. Ms. Votta updates the Board on Scituate. The next step will be for Ms. Votta and Ms. Petrarca to meet with Mr. Provonsil, Scituate Town Engineer to discuss the old application and how to resubmit.
2. Ms. Votta conveys to the Board that Mr. Murray, South Kingstown Planner phoned and informed her that the Town is working on updating their application for Route 1.

iii. Rules and Regulations Review

1. Review postponed to next meeting

AGENDA ITEM 4

Adjournments

Mr. Hoozeboom, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Healey to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 PM.

The motion was passed unanimously, seven voted in favor. Voting in favor were: Ms. Barker, Mr. DeLuca, Ms. George, Mr. Healey, Mr. Hoozeboom, Ms. Petrarca, and Mr. Youngken.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2013 at 1:30 PM in Narragansett.