



**SCENIC ROADWAYS BOARD**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF THE BOARD**

DATE 12 March 2014

PLACE Narragansett Town Hall, Narragansett, RI

MEMBERS PRESENT Ms. Sue Barker, Mr. Michael DeLuca, Ms. Myrna George, 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

AGENDA ITEM 1 **Call to Order**  
Chairperson Petrarca called the meeting to order at **1:45PM**.

AGENDA ITEM 2 **Approval of the Minutes**  
Mr. Youngken made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hoogeboom to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2013 meeting, with the change to revise the date on page 2 from 11 September 2014 to 11 November 2014. 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.

AGENDA ITEM 3 **Staff Report**  
**a. Action Items**  
**i. Route 1, Charlestown, RI**  
**Route 1 - IR Project**

Mr. Capalbo presented an update of the RIDOT project. Plans were displayed digitally for the Board to view. The project limits have been revised therefore there will be no changes to the guardrail other than the proposed end treatments. Vegetation that exists either in the clear zone or within the guardrail deflection zone is proposed to be removed. All other vegetation would remain. As a maintenance level contract along with funding concerns, landscaping was not included in the project. Discussion of the presented material along with concerns from the Board members occurred, including the following:

- The loss of vegetation was viewed as a potential adverse affect by some of the Board. The Board asked if it is possible to propose plantings to avoid potential adverse effects where there are vegetation losses? General Plan Nos. 5-21, were looked at again, sheet by sheet, and the following plans had areas of interest/concern:
  - General Plan No. 13
    - It was noted that the LAU is requesting protection of the pin oaks

- General Plan Nos. 17 and 18
  - Junipers need to be removed, it was suggested that the junipers be replaced or other suitable plantings be recommended
- General Plan No. 21
  - There are 6 eastern red cedars that will be removed, appropriate plants should be proposed.
  - It was noted that there are paved spillways that need to be worked around
- Members asked about the end treatments. There are varying sizes available (30' and 50'). The Board has asked for there to be a request for the 30' end treatments vs. 50'

Conclusion,

- Engineer will look into the end treatment length
- Board in agreement that the vegetation between the guardrail would be removed as proposed
- RIDOT landscape architects would evaluate where plants are being removed, what shrubs and/or trees can be proposed and if this can be done at a reasonable cost. A sketch of any proposed landscape will be brought to the next meeting.
- The RIDOT landscape unit will provide coordination and oversight with RIDOT construction and the contractor for the vegetation removals.
- No herbicides will be used and plantings will be cut as flush as possible so that mowing and maintenance can occur in the future

The proposed plantings will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

ii. Monthly Meeting Calendar for the Year

Mr. Hooeboom made a motion, seconded by Ms. George to approve the meeting calendar for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month (attached as page 3 of 3). The motion was passed unanimously, seven voted in favor. Voting in favor were: Ms. Barker, Mr. DeLuca, Ms. George, Mr. Healey, Mr. Hooeboom, Ms. Petrarca, and Mr. Youngken.

**b. Non-Action Items -**

**i. Rules and Regulations and Scenic Roadway Designation Application Review**

1. Review postponed to next meeting

**AGENDA ITEM 4**

**Adjournments**

Mr. Youngken, made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeLuca to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 PM.

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

The next Board meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2014 at 1:30 PM in Narragansett.

Scenic Roadways Board

Annual Notice  
2014 Meeting Dates

January 8  
February 12  
March 12  
April 9  
May 14  
June 11  
July 9  
August 13  
September 10  
October 8  
November 12  
December 10

All meetings are scheduled to be held at the:

Narragansett Town Hall  
25 Fifth Avenue  
Narragansett, RI

OR

Department of Administration  
One Capitol Hill  
Providence, RI  
Conference Room

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM