



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

DATE 12 November 2014

PLACE Narragansett Town Hall, Narragansett, RI

MEMBERS PRESENT Ms. Sue Barker (arrived at 2:30 PM), Mr. Michael DeLuca, Ms. Elizabeth Delude-Dix (arrived at 2:38 PM), Ms. Myrna George, Mr. Karst Hoogeboom (left at 2:35 PM), Ms. Barbara Petrarca, and Mr. Richard Youngken

MEMBERS ABSENT Mr. Peter Healey and Ms. Lisa Primiano

OTHERS PRESENT Ms. Susan Votta, RIDOT Landscape Unit  
Mr. Trevor Jones, RIDOT Landscape Unit  
Mr. Daniel Waugh, RIDOT Traffic Engineer  
Ms. Jennifer DiStefano, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., (VHB)  
Mr. Peter J. Pavao, Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc., (VHB)  
Mr. Doug McLean, Town of South Kingstown

AGENDA ITEM 1 **Call to Order**  
Chairperson Petrarca called the meeting to order at **1:50 PM**.  
  
Ms. George, made a motion, seconded by Mr. DeLuca to revise the order of the agenda by moving Route 1, South Kingstown before Route 1, Charlestown. The motion was passed unanimously, five voted in favor. Voting in favor were: Mr. DeLuca, Ms. George, Mr. Hoogeboom, Ms. Petrarca, and Mr. Youngken

AGENDA ITEM 2 **Approval of the Minutes**  
Ms. George, made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hoogeboom to approve the minutes of the October 08, 2014 meeting. The motion was passed unanimously, six voted in favor. Voting in favor were: Ms. Barker, Mr. DeLuca, Ms. George, Mr. Hoogeboom, Ms. Petrarca, and Mr. Youngken

AGENDA ITEM 3 **Staff Report**  
**a. Action Items**  
Route 1, Charlestown, RI  
Project: Statewide Median Guardrail Contract 2 (2012-ET-008)  
Mr. Waugh presented the project along with Ms. DiStefano and Mr. Pavao. Median guardrail is being proposed for many limited access highways (statewide) under the jurisdiction of the RIDOT. The project is part of a safety program to reduce fatal crashes at median locations that currently be crossed. The SRB review for Route 1, Charlestown only. Project is at the Study Report stage.

There are situations limiting the options. The 5' width of the median does not allow the proper deflection in order to consider cable rail. The standard steel W beam has limitations due to there being curb on both sides of the median. Midwest guardrail system which looks similar to standard steel is considered an option. Steel backed timber does not have crash worthy end treatments for the speeds of Route 1. The

Board asked that the designers continue to check that all options are being investigated and to see if the removal of the curb would help. The Board is also interested in how other states are handling the same or similar situations. Treatments to steel are also being researched.

Mr. Youngken requested that plantings as mitigation be considered as the project continues. The median width will be limiting to vegetation options but the consultant will look into those options as well.

No action was taken at this time.

b. Non-Action Items

Route 1, South Kingstown

Mr. McLean attended to provide an update of the upcoming revised application for Scenic Roadway designation. Mr. McLean presented a draft copy of the application for comments along with some presentation boards. Mr. McLean asks for feedback. Mr. Youngken and Ms. Petrarca provide comments. The Towns's next step is initiate the public hearing process and then submit the formal application to the SRB

**Adjournments**

Mr. Youngken, made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barker to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 PM.

The motion was passed unanimously, six voted in favor. Voting in favor were: Ms. Barker, Mr. DeLuca, Ms. Delude-Dix Ms. George, Ms. Petrarca, and Mr. Youngken.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 10, 2014 at 1:30 PM in Narragansett.

AGENDA ITEM 4

Respectfully submitted by Susan Votta