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Director of Public Works

PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

October 15, 2019

Location: Public Works Department Office, 2 Oakmont Avenue

Present: Lorraine J. Emerson – Chairman, Vance A. Butterfield, Ross W. Barber;
Joshua W. Hall – Director of Public Works, Patrick Haley – Asst. Director
of Public Works


6:00 PM Opened Meeting at Public Works Department Office. Reviewed correspondence and signed bills for payment.


Wachusett Brewing Co. Parking Lease - State Road East MassDOT access permit review
Ned LaFortune and Christian McMahan with Wachusett Brewing Co. (WBC) as well as their engineer Brian Marchetti with McCarty Companies were present to discuss the proposed MassDOT access plan. The Commission as well as the Director and Assistant Director reviewed the plan. The Commission is in favor of the proposed driveway for parking on the town owned parcel but has concerns with the design of the pedestrian crosswalk crossing State Road East/Rte 2A from the parking area to WBC's facility. The Commission strongly recommends adding push button activated rectangular rapid flashing beacons (RRFB) to the crosswalk design to improve safety. The Commission stated that traffic volumes, posted speeds as well as lighting would improve safety and meets the requirements for installing RRFB at the location. The Chief of Police as well as the Fire Chief also have concerns and support the use of RRFB. Ned LaFortune questioned the need for RRFB as the MassDOT has approved the design without the beacons. In addition, Mr. LaFortune has concerns with the installation and maintenance costs that WBC would incur if RRFB were to be added. Mr. LaFortune stated that WBC will look into including RRFB to the crosswalk design.


6:31 PM Commission Butterfield made a motion to write a letter in support of the proposed plan and application to the Board of Selectmen with the strong recommendation of adding the use of RRFB to the crosswalk design to the plan and MassDOT application.

6:32 PM Commissioner Butterfield made a motion to adjourn. The motion seconded by Commissioner Barber. Voted unanimously.

APPROVED WESTMINSTER PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION







Documents / Exhibits

1. WBC MassDOT access plan & application