

Route 3A Task Force
Meeting
7:00PM on July 26, 2022

Members of the 3A Task Force – Judy Sneath, Alan Perrault, Bryce Blair, Paul Healey, Deirdre Anderson – were joined on Zoom by Town Engineer JR Frey, Vanasse Inc. engineer Steve Boudreau, and members of the public. GM2 engineer Tom Loughlin joined the meeting at 7:30PM.

1. Call to order 7:01PM. Chair, Judy Sneath, read the prerequisite notice regarding this meeting's being held remotely as an alternate means of public access pursuant to Chapter 107 of the Acts of 2022 and all other applicable laws temporarily amending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law.
2. Discuss the detail of a letter requesting that Mass DOT assume design responsibility for the remainder of the project, with continued input from the Town through the Route 3A Task Force

JR Frey, together with input from Tom Loughlin, Steve Boudreau, Judy Sneath, and Deirdre Anderson, will draft a one- to two-page letter to Mass DOT by August 9 for the Select Board's review and signature.

3. Review the remaining design issues of note:
 - a) Bus stops
 - i) One at Burditt has been removed from the project over safety concerns. JR will pursue alternate options with MBTA.
 - ii) One at Otis St & Broad Cove Road is being built by the MBTA as a separate project. JR will meet with MBTA to coordinate design detail and reduce overlap between the projects.
 - b) Regulator in the center of rotary
 - i) National Grid is proceeding with the relocation of the regulator, at their expense.

- ii) Follow up with DOT to determine whether prudent to move gas main east of the rotary at the same time to realize cost savings.
- c) Town-owned properties
Town real estate counsel has begun documenting all existing deed restrictions on town-owned properties affected by the project. To date, no known impacts on the design plans. JR will follow up.
- d) Utility poles east of rotary to Button Cove Road
JR continues to coordinate design with CM2 and DOT to minimize impact on abutting properties, two in particular, and to employ landscaping in mitigation. He is in touch with both property owners.
- e) Protection of wetlands
Including all elements of Complete Streets design requires retaining walls to protect wetlands in two significant areas of the project – on the inland side of Otis St., between Ship and Cole Roads and on the north side of Rockland St., between Martins Land and GW Blvd. The Town’s engineering team will raise the associated expense and environmental permitting concerns with DOT as design work continues.
- f) Shared use path (SUP) around 30 Summer St.
Tom Loughlin described design of an elevated boardwalk that could make location of SUP along the water side of the property achievable. Further discussion with DOT required, including type of easements.

JR Frey, together with Tom Loughlin, Alan Perrault, and Bryce Blair will follow up on the SUP location at this property, and re-look at how that would tie-in with the SUP and sidewalk design moving towards Memorial Park.

- 4. VOTE to approve the minutes of 02.15.2022 and 04.05.2022
- 5. VOTE to adjourn at 8:37PM