

Town of Hingham



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Route 3A Task Force

Meeting minutes

July 28, 2021 at 7:00 PM

Members of the 3A Task Force - Judy Sneath, Alan Perrault, Bryce Blair, Deirdre Anderson, Paul Healey – were joined on Zoom by Town Engineer JR Frey, DCI engineer Wayne Keefner, Pressley Landscape Associates' Gary Forst, Vanasse & Assoc. engineer Steve Boudreau, and members of the public.

Judy Sneath called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM and read the prerequisite statement regarding the Governor's order allowing remote meetings, and the rules governing recording the meeting.

1. Minutes
Task force members VOTED to approve the minutes of April 20, 2021 as written, and amended minutes of June 30, 2021.
2. TIP, State update
Wayne Keefner reports no news from MassDOT with regard to the TIP or to scheduling a 25% Design Public Hearing (DPH) in the fall. JR Frey reports an email exchange late this afternoon with MassDOT project manager indicating that the latest revised plan for Public Utility Easements (PUE) should be resolved before the DPH.
3. Utility pole locations
Wayne described four types of adjustments made to utility pole locations, guy wire requirements, and related PUEs in the latest MassDOT plan. He will review with JR and work to be sure that there are no remaining MassDOT concerns with the PUEs proposed prior to our next meeting.
4. Landscape plan update
Gary Forst reviewed revisions to the landscaping from the roundabout east to Martins Lane. The plan calls for ornamental grasses and low-lying shrubs at the ends of the median strips, and for paving treatments along the mid sections. Preferred paving options are granite cobbles and stone in-fill, although there may be cost considerations. Of other options, brick pavers preferable to exposed aggregate or stamped concrete.
5. General updates and next steps
 - DCI developing cross-sections along the corridor, updating base plan to include additional topo;
 - DCI communicating with MassDOT re status of SUE (subsurface utility information) being conducted;
 - DCI will provide concept sketch plan and rough estimate cost of directing SUP to the rear of the property at 30 Summer St.;
 - DCI will follow up with MassDOT project manager to confirm the satisfactory resolution of the PUEs and to identify any other underlying issues (if any) that must be addressed prior to scheduling the 25% DPH;
 - Pressley will provide full revised landscape plan prior to next meeting.

Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 24 at 7 PM

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM