

Council Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

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Meeting attendees: Robert Ficco, Joseph Halligan, Andrew Bissanti, Bruce Hunchard ,
Deborah Pellegrini, Jeffery Nuttin, Lawrence Benedetto, Paul Cheli, Richard Cirrone

(Minutes of last meeting approved unanimously.)

Committee Re-Appointment Discussion: Chairman asked if this committee should continue as an entity. Vote to continue with committee was unanimous. Committee members will be sworn in next month after the first council meeting in June.

New Business: Chairman proposed scheduling a future night meeting with other town boards and committees to open lines of communication.

Train Station Update: No progress on multiple attempts to get MBTA to improve on the external maintenance of the station area. Chair reports that the first meeting with MBTA was more than two years ago, reports that the MBTA does not keep its word on scheduled maintenance. Mr. Ficco reports that the internal condition is vastly improved, coffee shop is now re-opened as well as ticket sales.

Thompson Press/Franklin Lumber Project: Mr. Halligan reports that the Fairfield Development is on the 1 yard line regarding project start date, presently 2 months behind. Present issue with the movement of a cell tower on the property which may be re-located to Franklin Lumber site.

Parking In Central Business District: Group discussions regarding present and future parking in CBD, discussion of potential of new lot behind old Friendlies Restaurant site.

Proposed Route 140 Condo Project: Group discussion regarding recent planning board decision to deny developers request for re-zoning parcel of land on route 140(traffic concerns)Mr. Ficco asked the chair if this was a project that our committee should be involved with, group discussion regarding the merits and potential issues with project. Decision to wait until the council and the planning board can get together and discuss the obstacles to this project. Chair recommended that the committee may draft a letter of support when final vote is to take place.

Washington Street Re-Zoning: Mr. Nutting gave a short update regarding the Depoto parcel and discussions regarding the new proposed zoning of Farm Retail/ General Agricultural Store, this site has been proposing for more than 12 years. Questions to the intent of the land owners to go forward.

Down Town Re-Construction-Mr. Nutting gave a short update ,two way traffic to begin end of June, and entire project to be complete by summers end. Discussion on who maintains island and why was it this size.

South Church Update: Building has been buttoned up and secured, sitting tight. Adjacent church project may not go forward.

Motion to Adjourn

A True Record

Paul Cheli