

New Town Road
Rutland Town

Kick Off Meeting
August 1, 2017, 6:00 pm
Rutland Town Office

Present- Byron Hathaway, Mary Ashcroft, David Nelson, Rob Faley, Susan Schreibman and Evan Detrick (VHB)

The Selectboard signed the VHB contract at their meeting earlier. Evan Detrick explained that the project timeline has been expedited to allow the town to incorporate the project into the town's budget as it is prepared at the end of the calendar year.

Key milestones of the project include:

- Existing Conditions Data and Map- to be done in August. This includes utility maps, row/parcel data, property owners, traffic data, aerial photos, GIS data, environmental resources, permitted or planned developments in the project area. Sources include local, RPC, and state. VHB, Susan and Byron will pursue data.
- Local Concerns Meeting- early September (9/14 at 6:00 pm at the town Office) to gather input on the project. Susan will facilitate the meeting and it will be filmed. VHB will not attend.
- Alternatives- defined and concepts prepared- August through October
- Alternatives Presentation Meeting- VHB will facilitate and it will be an open house followed by a presentation. Suggested date is 10/18 at 6:00 pm at Holiday Inn. The "Do Nothing" is included as one alternative. It is hopeful that there is a consensus on the preferred alternative.
- Selection of Preferred Alternative with the Selectboard – November. The preferred alternative will be endorsed by the Selectboard
- Finalize project with cost estimates- December 1

There was further discussion about the new developments and potential redevelopment of parcels, and the lack of infrastructure. Traffic modeling involves assumptions and these will be presented to the committee for review prior to the traffic modeling.

Reference was made to the 2013 Stantec study and 2009 RSG study. VTrans repaved US& last year and retimed signals. This information is available to VHB. Discussion continued about the MS4 work and planned ponds in the area. The lack/limited infrastructure in the do nothing alternative will affect the traffic, development /redevelopment potential. Phasing of the project will also be addressed.