

ALTERNATIVES PRESENTATION MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2017
4:30 P.M.
RUTLAND TOWN OFFICE

Present: Board members Josh Terenzini, Mary Ashcroft, John Paul Faignant, Joe Denardo
Attendees: See attached list

Meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Presentation:

Mr. Evan Detrick of VHB presented the Board with four alternatives to the proposed Service Road behind the Green Mountain Plaza. Mr. Detrick stated the reasons for the road are to improve traffic flow and spur economic growth in the area for commercial and Industrial properties. Mr. Detrick cited the roads that could be utilized for the project, the existing natural resources and contaminated sites. Mr. Detrick said there is water and sewer that covers most of the project area.

Mr. Detrick cited the term "Level Of Service" regarding traffic flow and likened it a traditional educational grading system from A to F. Mr. Detrick said that level "C" and above are acceptable grades. Mr. Detrick showed an example of traffic flow at the P.M. peak hour and the current grades.

Mr. Detrick stated VHB collected the following data for the project: aerial photos, natural resources, parcel mapping, topography mapping, and underground utility mapping. VHB also reviewed potential affecting of historic resources, the MS4 Storm Water Treatment Plan, minutes of the Local Concerns meeting, and spoke with a representative from Farrell Distributing.

Mr. Detrick said VHB conducted a traffic analysis on Holiday Drive, Green Mountain Plaza, Randbury Road, Cold River Road and Curtis Avenue. After performing the analysis VHB developed layouts of three alternatives and three sub-alternatives, sketches of typical cross-sections, cost estimates of all alternatives, the impact of each alternative and permitting requirements of each alternative.

Mr. Detrick presented the alternatives and the pros and cons of each: #1) No Build, #2) Alignment of 2013 Study, #3) Farrell Road East, and #4) Farrell Road West, 5) additional A, #6), additional B, and #3) additional C.

Mr. Detrick presented options of bike lanes and sidewalks versus a shared use path along the Service Road and the pros and cons of each.

Mr. Detrick discussed the current conditions of the Level Of Service and the future conditions regarding each alternative up to the year 2041.

Mr. Detrick presented the level of cost for each alternative. Mr. Detrick said the costs include the addition of water and sewer lines but does not include rights of way, property acquisition, and permitting or construction inspection.

Mr. Detrick presented an Evaluation Matrix and which addresses cost and impacts.

Questions from the Board/Public:

Ms. Ashcroft stated that if the Service Road is not an option for the Town the Farrell Slip Lane should be considered as Alternative #1-No Build and the Town has a permit for it. Mr. Detrick said it was his understanding that V-Trans are not supportive of the project but would build the cost of the Slip Lane into that alternative.

Town resident Mr. Dave Nelson inquired the percentages of the permitting and engineering costs. Mr. Detrick stated that Federal and State costs are 15% or more and construction costs are 8% to 10%. Mr. Detrick said local funding could be considerably less depending on the requirements of the Town.

Ms. Ashcroft asked about turning onto a State Highway and how it would impact the Level Of Service Mr. Detrick explained that State Highways have priority over side streets due to traffic volume.

Ms. Ashcroft asked about the cost of adding the water and sewer lines. Mr. Detrick the cost would be approximately \$1,000,000.00.

Town resident Mr. Byron Hathaway shared different options of how to improve the traffic flow. Mr. Denardo suggested the Committee brainstorm for possibly new proposals.