

New Town Road  
Rutland Town

Preliminary Engineering Proposal Meeting  
January 25, 2018 3:00 pm  
Rutland Town Office

Present: Mary Ashcroft, Byron Hathaway, Rob Faley, David Nelson (phone), Susan Smallheer (Rutland Herald), and Susan Schreibman.

Discussion focused on the VHB proposal for preliminary engineering of the new town road.

Susan Schreibman read questions she sent and VHB's responses regarding environmental documentation requirements, the need for a cost estimate with 25% plans, stormwater design and coordination with Watershed Associates and the need for and potential Brownfields funding for subsurface investigations.

Byron said that the proposal included the reconstruction of Randbury Road, which is not needed, except from the intersection with the new road to the intersection with US7. Also, the Town can close Cop John, which Rob Faley noted that there are procedures that must be followed, prior to closing a road. Byron also said that the Town could provide excavation for utility investigation if needed.

Mary asked if this is ready for the voters and what would be taken to the voters. It was determined that final plans with a more accurate cost estimate is most likely what should be presented to voters, in March 2019.

VHB will be asked to refine the proposal, reducing it as it exceeds what is available, but including a schedule as well.

Discussion continued to the US7/Randbury Road intersection and whether it should be closed, reconfigured to only allow right in/right out or accommodate a right and left lane out. VHB will be asked to look at it as 3 lanes out onto US7 or just 2.

There was a discussion about Act 250 and what type of permit will be required. Susan spoke to the District Coordinator and it is likely that the project will need its own Act 250 permit in addition to amendments to the permits on parcels that have permits now.

The meeting concluded with Mary speaking about the expenditure of funds to explore this, despite its piecemeal approach.

Susan will ask VHB to revise the proposal and the next meeting is scheduled for 2/1 at 3 pm at the town office.