

Planning Board Subcommittee Minutes 09/11/17

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Chilmark Planning Board Subcommittee Meeting

Monday, Sept. 11, 2017

Present: Janet Weidner, Chair, Joan Malkin, Peter Cook, Chief Jonathan Klaren, Jim Malkin

Not Present:

Public: Adam Turner, MVC

Staff: Jennifer L. Christy, Tim Carroll

Meeting called to order at 3:00PM:

- **Draft Plan from Consultant, William Brewster, Discussion:**

- The subcommittee reviewed the Preliminary Chilmark Planning Menemsha Corridor Plan for Improvement, dated August 10, 2017.
- Discussion occurred regarding the findings:
 - Ms. Weidner stated the consultant appeared to hear all of the concerns of the subcommittee as expressed during his visit in August.
 - Ms. Weidner listed some of the key suggestions that were included in the consultant's report and most of these were suggestions that may be simple to implement.
 - Ms. Weidner suggested that Mr. Turner be consulted as to what more the consultant may do, within the MVC budget, if adjustments to the suggestions are made. The subcommittee complimented the job done by the consultant.
 - Mr. Cook stated the report is a careful and thorough analysis considering the length of time the consultant spent in the Menemsha area.
 - Discussion occurred regarding the proposed bus turn-around at the comfort station.
 - Mr. Malkin inquired about the length of the parking spaces and wondered if they are designed to accommodate today's larger cars that are often laden with vacation equipment.
- Continued discussion occurred about the turn-around for the VTA bus at the comfort station.
 - Mr. Carroll spoke about the need for dense vegetation, 5 feet high and below, in the area of the bus turn-around so that there are no headlights viewed by houses that look down on Menemsha and so that idling sound is well-mitigated.
 - Mr. Carroll noted that the buses could also be directed to shut-off while waiting at the comfort station since it is the "distal" end of the routes.
 - Mr. Carroll noted there is space that is "disturbed" behind the comfort station already and noted he would suggest no paving of any sort so that the plan can remain flexible.
- Ms. Malkin noted the reconfiguration of the main parking area at the beach and stated it was a great improvement.
- Mr. Turner noted the need to repair the wooden "beach barrier fence" to keep the sand from the beach in the beach area and he noted the need to rectify the access of disabled people on to the beach.
- The need for handicapped spaces was discussed.
- Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of creating a "bridge" for pedestrians from the beach to the dock area and utilizing the dock for walking and sightseeing. It was suggested that the utilization of the dock for
- Discussion occurred about the replacement of cement tire stops with wooden posts. It was noted the 6 ft height is higher than desirable. There was general agreement that the posts would be an improvement on the tire stops that are there now.
- Continued discussion occurred regarding the bus turn-around at the Comfort Station. The need for vegetation was reiterated. Ms. Malkin noted she would like an alternative idea of the bus turn-around considered.

- It was suggested that a crosswalk should be installed near the Bite or HarborCraft shop, at the safest spot identified.
- Ms. Weidner inquired about the topic of signage to warn drivers of the upcoming intersection of Dutcher Dock and North Road.
- The safety of the area around the Galley was discussed.
- Mr. Carroll noted the possibility of repainting the lines on the Homeport area to create a walkway area.

- **Minutes:**

- The minutes from August 28th, 2017 were not reviewed.

- **Next Meeting:**

- Sept. 18, 2017 3PM
- Oct. 2, 2017 with Consultant

- **Documents:**

Adjourned at 4:32PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer L. Christy