

CITY OF ROCHESTER
Planning Board & City Council Public Works and Buildings Committee
Joint Meeting

Salmon Falls Road Improvements Study

Thursday November 18, 2010

City Council Chambers

31 Wakefield Street, Rochester, NH 03867

(Approved on Decemebr 6, 2010)

Planning Board Members Present

Tim Fontneau, *Chair*

Nel Sylvain, *Vice Chair*

Gloria Larochelle

John Meader

Dave Walker

Planning Board Alternate Members Present

James Gray (arrived at 7:15 p.m.)

Planning Board Members Absent

Tom Abbott

Rick Healey

Derek Peters

Planning Board Alternate Members Absent

Stephen Martineau

City Council Public Works and Buildings Committee Members Present

Ralph Torr, *Chair*

Chuck Grassie

Geoffrey Hamann

Dave Walker

City Council Public Works and Buildings Committee Members Absent

Raymond Varney (*excused*)

T.J. Jean, Mayor

John Scruton, City Manager

John Larochelle, Councilor

Michael Behrendt, Chief Planner

Marcia J. Gasses, Planning Secretary

Melodie Esterberg introduced Roch Larochelle of CMA Engineering who presented the findings.

There will be a presentation on December 13, 2010 for the residents of Ward 1.

Mr. Fontneau opened the floor to questions from the Planning Board and Public Works and Buildings Committee members following the presentation.

Mr. Walker asked whether the 14.4 million dollar cost includes the water and sewer lines.

Mr. Larochelle responded that it did include the cost of water and sewer line improvements.

Mayor T.J. Jean was glad to hear the majority of the work would be in the right of way. He questioned whether the City would be able to apply for CMAQ funding during the 2013 application time.

Mr. Larochelle explained that the funding would be available in 2014. The funds are reimbursed to the City.

Mr. Larochelle gave figures for reconstruction of the Portland Street intersection of \$400,000 for a roundabout and \$200,000 for a signalized intersection.

Mr. Gray voiced concern over the "S" curves, pointing out the Haven Hill area is in need of attention.

Mr. Sylvain asked for the cost of the sidewalks.

Mr. Larochelle did not have the information.

Mr. Sylvain asked what type of drainage system there is from Autumn Street to Stonewall Drive.

Mr. Larochelle said currently a mixture of open and closed.

Mr. Scruton questioned if in the 1st phase they would be able to install conduit in the ground and additional travel lanes to accommodate future signalization.

Mr. Larochelle did not feel that would be a good idea.

Mr. Sylvain wanted to know where they had come up with the idea for sidewalks.

Mr. Larochelle explained Planning and Public Works had brought forward sidewalks as a way to provide connectivity between the communities. The actual cost of the sidewalks is approximately \$150,000 which is a very small percentage

of the overall project cost. The real costs lie in what you do not see; the structures and base construction that the road is built on.

Mr. Fontneau opened the floor up to the public.

Alfred Spagnola who lives in Tara Estates wanted members to know that the left turn entry into Tara Estates is very dangerous.

Mr. Larochelle felt this might merit further review.

Mayor Jean asked what the warrant was for a turning lane in this location.

Mr. Larochelle explained it would be 200 vehicles per hour.

Additional discussion on the roundabout took place.

Thaddee Michaud of Tara Estates explained to members that all of the folks in Tara Estates are seniors and the entrance to the development is in a dangerous area. The distance between the entrance and the intersection with Whitehall Road is just enough for people to get going too fast to stop.

Mr. Gracie suggested a wider shoulder.

Jeff Winders discussed his experience with the intersection of Portland Street and Salmon Falls Road.

December 13, 2010 there will be a meeting at the VFW for Ward 1 residents and this same presentation will be shown.

A motion was made by Mr. Gray and seconded by Mr. Walker to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia J. Gasses, Planning Secretary

