

TOWN OF DEDHAM
TOWN GREEN WORKING GROUP
450 WASHINGTON STREET
DEDHAM, MA

MINUTES OF THE TOWN GREEN WORKING GROUP MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS:

Mike Butler	Chair
Jessica Porter	Vice-Chair
Tom Polito	Member
Micah Flynn	Member
Mark Pearrow	Member
Tara Ikenouye	Member

GUESTS:

Jason Mammone	Engineering Director, Town of Dedham
Doreen Labrecque	Administrative Assistant, Town Manager Department
Bryan Jereb	Halvorson/Tighe & Bond, Principal
Rana Mana-Doerfer	Director of Procurement

Minutes prepared by Angela Fracassi of Minutes Solutions Inc. from a video recording.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Butler, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

3. KICKOFF MEETING WITH HALVORSON/TIGHE & BOND

Mr. Butler explained that the firm Halvorson/Tighe & Bond was selected for project management and design after a thorough proposal and interview process. In September of 2021, through the public engagement process, the Working Group identified, some of the priorities of the public including the desire for programming and a stage, a variety of types of seating, including shade, buffering from traffic, bicycle racks, boulders and mounds, and native plants with some accompanying educational material, and a swinging bench. It was noted that the Verizon Building was no longer available for a mural.

Another priority involved the reduction of cut-through traffic from Church Street and implementing some traffic calming measures. Mr. Jereb presented plans that outlined the limit of work, which detailed the property lines, the planned access points, and items that currently fall just outside the property lines but will likely become part of the scope of work.

Mr. Jereb presented two Phase Two conceptual designs, clarifying that the difference between Phase One and Phase Two is that Phase One only includes items within the property lines, while

Phase Two includes the surrounding area, such as streets, sidewalks, and parking. Please note the Phase Two concepts discussed were originally from 2021 and will be superseded by Halvorson's concepts in the coming months.

The different parking configurations on each proposal were discussed, which include angled parking, street parking, and a parking lot. Next, the draft work schedule was reviewed. It was noted that schematic designs would be dependent on the demolition completion, and would likely be completed by the summer of 2023. A public workshop meeting will take place in June of 2023. The Working Group agreed that since the public meetings have all been very well attended, it would be advantageous to hold the public meeting earlier in the process. Design development would be completed by October of 2023. Construction documents would be completed by December of 2023, and bidding would begin in January of 2024. Construction would begin in March of 2024. A list of funding opportunities and the process of applying for various grants were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Butler then requested each member of the Working Group to update a member of the Select Board on the progress of the project.

4. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for March 30, 2023, or April 13, 2023, to be confirmed at a later date.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Mr. Flynn, seconded by Ms. Porter, it was voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:13 p.m. A roll call vote was conducted. Motion carried unanimously.

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Respectfully submitted,

Michael L. Butler

Chair

April 3, 2023

Date
