

Meeting Minutes, Forward Sunapee, Route 11 Design Committee

Tuesday December 17, 2024

5:00 – 6:00pm at the Livery - 58 Main St., Sunapee

Present:

Donna Gazelle; Rick Mastin; Elizabeth Maynard; Peter Hoekstra; Nicole Parks; Paul Skarin; Linda Schultz; Kathleen Meyer; Carol Wallace; Leah Savage

Not present: Nancy Loucks, Faith Reney

The committee welcomed Leah Savage as a guest. The meeting started with brief introductions and a summary of topics discussed at the prior (initial) meeting. Leah acknowledged there are various methods of traffic calming. Noted characteristics of Route 11 currently with wide lanes and a lack of visual cues. Reminders shared about use of trees as they are inducing some level of hazard and there are considerations of root damage to roadway/sidewalks, as well as that DOT does not maintain sidewalks. Considerations for medians discussed, state does not maintain ornamental medians, grass or cement only. Acknowledged state owns about 150 feet side-to-side of the Route 11 roadway. Requirements for roadway were referenced as 12-foot travel lane with a 4-foot shoulder, for a total of 16 feet each way, 32 feet minimum overall.

Review of methods to submit for and seek funding approval, brief discussion on process. Federal funds noted to indicate longer timeline, some grant programs reviewed that are worth looking into such as the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP). Any plans within the state right of way would require review and approval by the District Engineer (DOT District 2), Chris Turgeon. Potentially there would be a place to present desired plans to Regional Planning Commission for consideration in their 10-year plan. This 10-year plan was said to last be updated in Summer 2024 and is reviewed/updated every 2-3 years. The meeting concluded with a discussion about potential prioritization of improvements if not achievable in one package or larger project.

Items for action:

- Make connection to regional planning commission (Carole)
- Review of street compatible trees (Donna/Linda)
- Dollars available, TAP or other grants (Linda)
- Signage: (Peter/Elizabeth)
- Lower and main connectivity, studies/accident history (Kathleen)

<https://www.dot.nh.gov/about-nh-dot/boards-and-commissions/regional-councils>

<https://www.dot.nh.gov/projects-plans-and-programs/ten-year-plan>

<https://www.dot.nh.gov/projects-plans-and-programs/programs/transportation-alternatives-program>

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 21, 2025, 5:00pm, at the Livery- 58 Main St., Sunapee