

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING
MIDDLE BUTCHER RD, PAVEMENT REHABILITATION AND SIDEWALK EXTENSION
PROJECT - STATE #L047-0001

February 20, 2018
7:00 PM

Minutes

Attendees: Jay Ussery, Timothy Coon-JR Russo & Assoc, Timothy Webb-DPW Director, Lori Spielman-First Selectman, Ray & Sandy Sutyla-28 Middle Butcher Rd; Megan Krementowski-JI Reporter; Kecia Shaw-41 North Park; Brendan Norton-6 Middle Butcher Rd; Paul St. Germain-59 Ellington Ave; Rudy & Evelyn Luginbuhl-29 Middle Butcher, Christine Olmstead-14&16 Middle Butcher; Christopher St. Amand-1 Westview Terrace.

Mr. Webb welcomed the residents to the meeting and stated that the project will consist of extending the sidewalk up the south side of Middle Butcher Rd to Ellington Avenue and milling and paving the roadway. The funding is coming through a grant received through CRCOG through the federal government. The Town of Ellington is only responsible for the cost of engineering and design. He stated that all residents affected will be contacted by the engineer. The work area will be restored to as is or better, video will be taken before work is started. There will be tree removals and easements will be required from everyone for construction and in some cases permanent easements will be necessary. There will be a snow shelf and he knows that residents are concerned with who is responsible for clearing the snow from the sidewalks. Mr. Webb stated that he will be speaking with the Board of Selectmen to request that the ordinance stating a 24 hr period to clear snow from walks be changed to 48 hours. He stated that the Town will also assist in the clearing.

He introduced Lori Spielman, First Selectman and then Tim Coon, PE of JR Russo & Associates who presented the project with construction slides.

Mr. Coon stated that the paving will begin at Moser Drive and going to Ellington Avenue. The road will be milled and paved with new curbing. Curbing will be placed where there presently is none. There will be curb ramps and crosswalks added to the current sidewalk for ADA Compliance. The new sidewalk will begin at the church, cross the street and go up the south side to Ellington Ave.

Mr. Coon stated that there will need to be some tree removals and each tree will be assessed whether they are in the way of the walk or they will be affected by the construction. Where a sidewalk crosses a driveway, the apron will be repaved. Where the sidewalk crosses the side street, ADA compliant curb ramps will be constructed and crosswalks painted. All properties will require a temporary easement for construction, some residents will require a permanent easement if the sidewalk is such that it has to be on their property rather than the town right of way. The latter may be due to obstructions such as telephone pole placement.

Mr. Luginbuhl of 29 Middle Butcher asked about his stone wall. Mr. Coon stated that the wall will be brought back to the property line. This also pertains to fences, bushes and any other walls on the properties. Any existing front sidewalks will be tied into the new sidewalk. He

stated that there will be additional drainage/catch basins installed. The crossings of Chapin Ave and Manning Ave which are both private roads will required new drainage structures.

Mr. Webb stated that the design is only 35% complete now and that it needs to be 90% complete by April to go to the State. Construction is to begin in 2019 after school is dismissed in the spring and will take place over the summer, hoping to finish before the start of school is September.

Mr. St. Germain stated that he just had a new driveway put in and asked what the new apron will do to it. Mr. Coon stated that his driveway is sloped and that it will require more of the apron to be paved. Mr. Webb stated that it will be cut and that the cut will be sealed.

A question was raised to whether the trees removed will also have the stumps removed and the answer is yes. Christine Olmstead of 14 Middle Butcher asked about the curbs and that she has a catch basin in her driveway. Mr. Webb stated that the curbing would be Cape Cod style. Mr. Coon stated that in her case, they would replace it with a flat top structure.

Mr. Webb stated that the easements would be drawn up by the Town Attorney and that JR Russo will be meeting with each resident to go over the items particular to their property.

The question of dog fences was asked and Mr. Webb stated that if they are located in the town's right of way, they will be have to be moved back. The resident did not believe his was in the town's right of way.

Mr. Webb asked Mr. Coon for a PDF of the drawings. The residents present requested that the drawings be emailed to them.

The meeting was concluded at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted:



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