

Commission. The chairman was not willing to discuss our project that evening because it was not on the agenda, but the Commission held a special meeting to deal with it.

One of the easements with Stop & Shop has been an enormous task. We are asking them to donate a small area of approximately 1900 square feet, and the owners were concerned that the pavement would be considered part of their lot coverage and possibly impede future development. To alleviate that situation, we went before the Zoning Board of Appeals and they approved a variance of the lot coverage requirements.

The Legislative Council took up the issue at their regular meeting, and approved the project and said nice things. We were not getting a lot of cooperation with the DOT, but Mr. Schaefer, Mr. Kops and Mr. Balskus spent a couple of hours up there. The bottom line is we are not going to be able to start construction this fall. We are hoping to submit final plans next Monday, and DOT said it would take six weeks to review. The plan would then be reviewed by the Federal Government, which would take four weeks, the Town State agreement has to be signed, and then we would advertise and go out to bid this fall. The cost estimate now with everything included is \$1.3 million, and that could go up a little. DOT takes \$100,000 for reviewing the plans, then \$71,000 after they approve the plans. We have permission to use all the money from Phase III, but DOT has not audited that project yet. They figure \$140,000 for construction supervision, but our engineering department said it should only cost \$40–50,000. Mr. Kops feels we don't have to worry about the additional funds because the \$144,000 is included in the \$1.3 million. Mr. Kops met with the police chief over security issues and he recommended additional cameras and push button alarms, which would activate the cameras to the police department. The changes to the contract will go to council at their full meeting on August 1st. The town/state agreement for engineering services was sent to the Legislative Council.

We have a construction alternate for paving sidewalks on both sides of Skiff Street over the Wilbur Cross, and we hope to be able to come up with funds.

Berkshire was supposed to pay \$100,000 toward the design, but that didn't come through, but now they have given us an easement for staging on their property. The Stop & Shop property owner wants the town to pay the bank fees and attorney fees for that easement, and costs were estimated at about \$3,000, but those fees have now gone up to \$6,500, so we still don't have that easement. Mr. Schaefer will contact the bank.

Security in the underpass has been a major concern to the Commissions that we have had to get approvals from. The Commission will have to make operational decisions. The Yale police are locking and unlocking the gates to New Haven's tunnel. People that have had underpasses in urban areas have problems with people sleeping and using the tunnels for bathrooms. Ms. Becker mentioned that we talked about posts that we could add gates to in the future, but when Mr. Schaefer went over that with Milone & MacBroom, they felt putting gates and the posts in at a later time would not be a problem if the Commission decides it wants gates installed.

The Traffic Commission was concerned about safety. Members of the Spring Glen Civic Association wanted policemen assigned in many areas during construction. Ms. Dove, President of SGCA asked the Traffic Commission for speed humps. The Traffic Commission approved the project with the caveat that the police chief would have the final say regarding safety issues. Concern about the construction barriers was also expressed at the Traffic Commission meeting.

Mr. Schaefer said at this point we have pretty much all the local approvals we need, and now we have to get through the State approvals. There are concerns

about the old water line under Skiff Street. We have to be very careful to support that pipe during construction. RWA might consider installing a new pipe while the road is open, for hookup at a later date.

One of the questions is whether the state is going to require us to go out to bid for construction management. Is this part of Phase III so we can use Milone and MacBroom, or will we have to do an RFP again.

Phase I

Ms. Becker asked about the mile markers. Ms. Gigliotti will check with Mr. Rizzuti or Mr. Velardi.

Mr. Thetford asked if pedestrian warning signs can be put on the road. Mr. Schaefer New Haven has put them on a tremendous number of cross walks.

Phase IIA

Mr. Humes mentioned that at the Westwoods Road shopping center, part of the snow fence was removed. The sign is still up, so the parking issue has been partially corrected.

There was discussion on ads for houses for sale stating that the property is near the Farmington Canal Trail.

Phase IIB

Mr. Blandon reported that the fence poles behind the sports bar are still down.

Mr. Thetford reported that working with Al Gorman and the Historical Society, regarding the Lockkeeper's House, he has photos from historical records that they are in the process of labeling. The House is not open yet but the water fountain is working.

Adjournment:

Ms. Becker made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bandon seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by: _____
Gerry Tobin, Commission Clerk