

Public Hearing Minutes
Cambridge Selectboard, September 21, 2015
Cambridge Elementary School
6:30 pm

Present: Dana Sweet, Selectboard Chair; Larry Wyckoff, Selectboard member; Don Lange, Jeffersonville Trustee; Sally Reynolds, Assistant Town Clerk; Jean Jenkauskas, Resident/ Jeffersonville Planning Commission; Seth Jensen, LCPC; Taylor Foster, LCPC

Meeting began at 6:30 pm by Chair Sweet

Foster said the meeting will focus on the application to the Vermont Community Development Program's Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery program to fund the match for two flood resiliency projects, removing and replacing the Cambridge Greenway Trail Bridge and excavating flood storage and upsizing two culverts under Route 15 to reduce flooding in the village. This complements the FEMA HMGP grant applications for both projects.

Wyckoff and Sweet asked about match for the project. According to Foster, Cambridge Town does not need to commit cash match unless they would like to, which could help the grant applications. However, the Town has committed to taking fill from the floodplain excavation which is roughly \$20,000 in in-kind match. Wyckoff said the Town can also take the fill from the abutments and fill from under the culverts unless the State wants that fill.

Public Hearing opened at 6:40 pm by Chair Sweet

Lange apologized for not meeting quorum for the Village Trustees.

Wyckoff moved that the Cambridge Selectboard move forward as a single applicant to the Vermont Community Development Program, applying on behalf of Jeffersonville Village – which is a part of Cambridge Town – to do both the trail bridge and Route 15 culverts projects.

Discussion: Lange is happy with the plan to move forward.

Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Wyckoff moved to sign all the necessary forms, agreements, and letter of support presented at the meeting. Sweet seconded. Motion carried.

Foster reminded the attendees that there is a five day public comment period that starts on Tuesday, September 22, 2015. The public has the opportunity to review the application.

Wyckoff asked if VTrans would consider incorporating the culverts projects into their planned Route 15 re-paving project in 2018. Jensen said that may be a possibility to continue discussing with VTrans.

Wyckoff asked about the timing of the projects and if the two components needed to happen concurrently or if one could happen before the other, given the timing of the funding, mobilization, etc. Jensen and Foster responded that they are under the assumption that the project components are not tied to one another and can happen back to back as resources allow.

Public comment:

Jenkauskas said she hope this works and stressed that “every inch [of flood reduction] counts to make a noticeable change” in flooding to business owners and residents.

Sweet adjourned the meeting at 7:03 pm.

