

Minutes of the Route 20 South Landfill Visioning Committee

January 27, 2022

Attendance (via Zoom)

Attendees: Committee Members: Thomas Fay, Chair; Clifford Lewis, Ira Montague, David Pearlman, Kim Reichelt, Bill Whitney, Brad Young.

Joined by: Linda Hansen (Wayland Conservation Administrator), John Bugbee (Assistant Town Administrator)

Members of the Public: Tom Sciacca, Carol Martin, Sean Fair, Carole Plumb, George Eckert

Agenda Items:

Call to Order; Mr. Fay observed that a quorum was present. He called the meeting to order at approximately 7:01pm. He noted the names of all members participating remotely.

Public Comment: Mr. Fay invited any members of the public to comment.

Tom Sciacca, Rolling Lane, speaking as Wayland's representative to the River Stewardship Counsel. He went for a walk around the railroad tracks, and saw the trash leaking under the cap of the old landfill, and noted that the cap is not particularly good and that we will need to plan to clean the whole area up.

Minutes of the Meeting of November 23, 2021 The draft minutes of the November 23, 2021 meeting were reviewed. Kim requested an edit to add her attendance to the attendee list. On a motion by Kim, seconded by Ira, and unanimously approved by roll call vote; the minutes of the November 23, 2021 meeting were approved on a motion by Kim Reichelt, seconded by Ira Montague. On a roll call vote, all members voted AYE, 7-0.

Presentation by Wayland Conservation Administrator, Linda Hansen, regarding Conservation interests at the South Landfill, and discussion

Linda Hansen provided an overview of conservation interests at the Route 20 South Landfill site to provide committee members with an understanding of possible constraints and issues that might influence future development. She reviewed maps and explained where there were wetlands, what legal requirements there are around river banks and the wetland areas. She reviewed the wildlife constraints, noting that there are 72 species of birds that have been identified in the landfill area, three of which are rare and threatened. Much of this area is owned by US Fish & Wildlife, and several conservation groups have interests in the area (in particular, OARS, Wild & Scenic Stewardship Council, Sudbury Valley Trustees and Atlantic Corridor Flyway).

The Committee then discussed the implications of these conservation issues and legal requirements, trying to clarify what areas can be developed without a permit, what would require a permit, and any areas that may have rights due to its pre-existing use, and any that may not be developable at all. They also discussed how to proceed in terms of what Conservation would need in order to be able to provide feedback on any possible proposals.

Discussion of progress by town staff, and others, regarding testing at the South Landfill, and role of MADEP, including possible discussion of narrowing 17 item list of potential uses, created at a prior committee meeting, based on information known to date;

Tom Fay noted that it remains premature to talk about reducing the list of 17 potential uses because we still don't have a sense as to the quality of the site. Testing was recently performed, and Weston & Sampson's report should be done. DEP will weigh in and then we will have a sense for what types of things can be done. Cliff Lewis noted that we had asked for the committee to see the draft, and Tom indicated that this request had been made, but he doesn't expect the committee to get access before the report is complete.

Topics not Reasonably Anticipated 48 Hours in Advance: None

Adjournment. There being no further business, and on a motion by Bill Whitney, seconded by Ira Montague, and unanimously approved by roll call vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.

Documents:

- Meeting Minutes of November 23, 2021
- Presentation by Linda Hansen "Conservation Interests at The Route 20 South Landfill"