

Appendix B.

Millbury Downtown Revitalization and LID Project

Complete Meeting Notes

Meeting 1: December 10, 2015

Beautification/Open Space

1. Maintain Existing Open Space

- a. National Bank property (old diner)
- b. CV Whitney town parking
- c. Save trees from lower common, or add a garden (current trees are unhealthy – replace with large new ones)
- d. Connect various areas of town with green space

2. Create New Open Space

- a. Landscaping all over
- b. More green space in municipal parking area
- c. Rain garden in lower common
- d. Raised planters at 95 Elm
- e. Green façade on senior center

3. Lighting

- a. Create pleasing aesthetic, more historic/period – think Downtown Portsmouth, gaslight, classy, but also bright enough to improve safety
- b. Main N/S, Elm St need improvement

Mobility

1. Bike Path

- a. Creation of picnic area near river and bike parking around town

2. Pedestrian

- a. Enhance walking experience, to reduce reliance on cars and need for parking
- b. Improve sidewalks, curb cuts
- c. Create accessible and safe place for pedestrians
- d. Main/Elm St traffic signals – no right on red to allow pedestrians to cross
- e. Cement paths are best, not pavers
 - i. Worcester City Hall has curb, brick, and 4' concrete – aesthetically pleasing, safe, and accessible

3. Parking

- a. Behind Belfont – side, South Belfont 17S Main – tear down and add 50-100 parking spaces
- b. Remove dilapidated building up hill from Blackstone

4. Bump Outs

- a. Changing parking patterns can be difficult if removing spaces, but focus on:
 - i. no parking loss, keep people out where they're not supposed to park already
- b. Elm St, Main St potential sites
- c. Shorter cross walks
 - i. Crosswalk to post office

Meeting 2: January 21, 2016

1. Beautification

- a. Street furniture, sitting spaces
- b. Planters, stormwater planters
- c. Underground or backfed power corridors
- d. Decorative lighting (LED)
- e. Clean up of Blackstone River itself and bike trail

2. Connectivity/cohesiveness between main & lower commons

- a. Pedestrian connections –
 - a. Relocate signal box Main/Elm to allow easy passage
 - b. Engage pedestrians – interpretive signage on back of traffic signal poles (ex. history of town)
 - c. Connecting the municipal parking to the commons
 - i. Make use of alleyways – make more friendly spaces w/ planters, rain barrels, signage, etc.
 - ii. Farnsworth Rd private owner
 - iii. Defining the walkway with engaging plantings/art
- b. Add art to the common – silhouettes of mill workers as history of Millbury
- c. Rain gardens and plantings with connected themes to create one space

3. Low Impact Development/Green Infrastructure

- a. Parking behind Belfont – Riverview location. Two level structure w/ parking underneath, green roof on top for picnic/recreation
- b. Rainwater barrels & Cisterns for irrigation
- c. Stormwater planters throughout – perhaps in front of Senior Center

4. Mobility

- a. Sidewalks and bumpouts at post office, etc.
 - a. Shorter crosswalks, not taking parking
- b. Continuous sidewalks through driveways
- c. Exclusively concrete sidewalks – permeable concrete?

Meeting 3: February 25, 2016

Lower Common

- Seating
 - Wrap around behind clock
 - Conscious of new sign's location
 - Attractive view
 - Seating wall as dual purpose and allow bioretention above/below
- Balance aesthetic & parking needs
 - Parking needed day & night
 - Enhance parking time limit enforcements to free up space for customers
 - Make parking easier to find → connections, signs, archway
 - Keep slant parking
 - 3 spaces more than proposed parallel parking
 - Add one more slant parking space to proposed design and keep a small green space below that

Municipal parking

- Existing
 - Add archway to bring character, visibility
 - Reconfiguration of parking area to add parking spaces and bioretention
 - One in/out driveway with additional green space out front and sign for parking

- New
 - Revitalize dilapidated building
 - Add green roof and municipal owned parking below – bioretention/recreation as well as increased parking

Main Common

- Expand bump outs to common to shorten cross walks and provide enhanced mobility around above ground infrastructure
- Existing underground cistern under main common is currently filled, could revitalize to use as stormwater storage and fertigation (irrigation with added stormwater nutrients such as P, N)
- Mill worker statues/silhouettes to add beauty, history, connection
 - walking down the hill to connect to green space & river
- Murals on buildings around the area (95 Elm?) to enhance beauty and community character of the space

Post Office Crosswalk

- Add a raised crosswalk at the post office
- Traffic calming measure – add speed table
- Test pilot – add bump outs on each side

Other

- Colored and/or stamped concrete offers aesthetically appealing option that also can be permeable and accessible-friendly
- Farnsworth Court is a place for future LID or extension of main common if parking/driveway is redirected on this private street

Meeting 4: March 24, 2016

- Presentation of final visualizations
- Identification of potential barriers and how to overcome
- Review of where we go from here
- How subsurface utilities fit into this vision