

## **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