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
  o Wrap around behind clock
  o Conscious of new sign’s location
  o Attractive view
  o Seating wall as dual purpose and allow bioretention above/below

- Balance aesthetic & parking needs
  o Parking needed day & night
  o Enhance parking time limit enforcements to free up space for customers
  o Make parking easier to find → connections, signs, archway
  o 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
  o Add archway to bring character, visibility
  o Reconfiguration of parking area to add parking spaces and bioretention
  o One in/out driveway with additional green space out front and sign for parking
• New
  o Revitalize dilapidated building
  o 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
  o 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