

MINUTES

Meeting of the Town of Woodbury SDAT/AIA Steering Committee Organizational Meeting Wednesday April 27, 2016

5:00 PM Senior Center

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Butterly, Kathryn Sherer, Bob Clarke, Alex DeSorbo, David Taylor, Tom Kaelin, Kay Campbell, Joe Donato, Susan Cheatham, Dick Leavenworth, Barbara Perkinson, Hiram Peck,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Novak

OTHERS PRESENT: Kathy Doyle, Members of the press

CALL TO ORDER: Chm. Bill Butterly called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS; First Selectman Bill Butterly opened the meeting, and asked the members to give their opinions as to how they would like the committee to proceed.

Katie Sherer suggested that planters be placed around the town. She also said that she would like to see bump-outs along Main Street so as to slow down traffic. She suggested traffic circles at both ends of the study area, and perhaps a coffee shop in the center of town. She also stressed the need to repair and extend our sidewalks along Main Street.

Robert Clarke stressed that the Zoning Commission will be more reactive to the Town's needs and more receptive to events that are being held in town. He said that he would like to find out why people came to Woodbury, so as to get a feel for how they would like the town to move forward. He pointed out that the town of Kent should be looked at so as to perhaps get some ideas.

Alex DeSorbo cautioned that we must implement this plan in a way that would insure it's best chances of success. He stated that we should prioritize our objectives and focus on implementation.

David Taylor expressed his thoughts about short term projects such as the greens and sidewalks. He emphasized that someone needs to "own" the project for it to be successful.

Tom Kaelin pointed out that the process for implementation must be addressed first. Particulars being that the Board of Selectman endorse the project and that it then be brought to public meeting.

Joe Donato stated that we should build on the accomplishments successes of both the WOW committee and the recent Earthday celebration to promote Imagine Woodbury as a continuation and expansion of the popular events.

Kay Campbell stressed the importance of upgrading our existing sidewalks.

Susan Cheatham pointed out that we must preserve our historic buildings and atmosphere, while integrating this project to enhance our historic district. She also pointed out that the land use boards and commissions should be more aware of the town's historic regulations. She also reminisced about how Main was in the past.

Dick Leavenworth would like to see a comprehensive traffic survey that would poll motorists as to where they are going to and coming from. He expressed concerns about slowing traffic down and the congestion that it may cause. He would also like to find a way to lower the traffic flow on Main Street.

Barbara Perkinson would like to implement some short term goals so as citizens can see something visual in the very near future. She agreed with other members of the committee that the town's sidewalks need improvements. She would also like to see a presentation put together for the public, and would like input from all the Boards and Commissions to prioritize the report in an effort to seek out some common ground.

Bill Butterly pointed out that our Main Street attractions are somewhat spread-out and that may present a challenge. He stated that we should promote the arts. He suggested the use of colored concrete on our sidewalks so as to make them more attractive. He also said that we need to focus on what we can easily do first.

Hiram Peck pointed out that the owners of people's choice service station are conducive to ideas as to how that can improve the look of their building. He also pointed out that we need to focus on implementation, and that we need to promote all the good things in town.

ADJOURNMENT: Bob Clarke made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

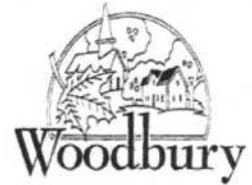
Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Donato Acting Clerk

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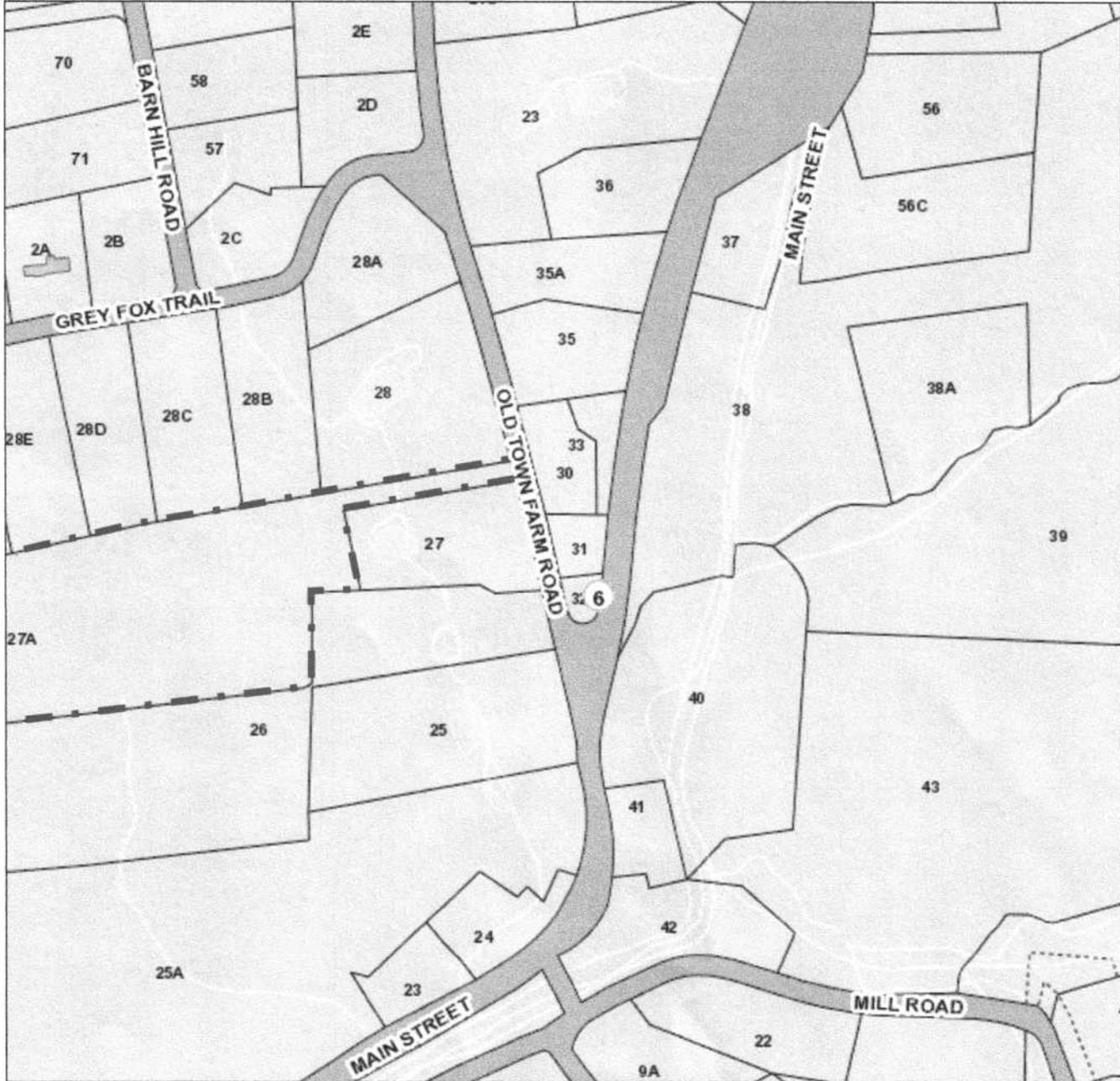
This 5th day of May 2016
at 2:00 o'clock P M
Joseph J. Clarke
Town Clerk

Town of Woodbury

Geographic Information System (GIS)



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April 14, 2016

The Honorable William J. Butterly, Jr.
First Selectman
Town of Woodbury
281 Main Street South
Woodbury, CT 06798

Dear First Selectman Butterly, Jr.:

SUBJECT: Community Connectivity Program
Road Safety Audit Application

On behalf of The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department), I am pleased to inform you that your municipality's application for the Road Safety Audit (RSA) component of the Community Connectivity Program has been accepted. The application deadline was March 1, 2016, and the Department received 125 applications from 81 municipalities.

The RSA will identify bicyclist and pedestrian safety issues and counter-measures, through an independent safety performance review conducted by a team of safety specialists, in close coordination with the local community, to improve safety and reduce crashes.

The Department is currently working to establish a schedule for conducting one RSA in each community. RSA's will be conducted through the spring of 2017. If you feel your RSA request has extenuating circumstances and needs to be considered for an accelerated timeframe, or if you have questions regarding the Road Safety Audit Application, please feel free to contact Mr. Patrick Zapatka, the Department's Program Manager, at (860) 594-2047 or Patrick.Zapatka@ct.gov. If your municipality submitted more than RSA one application, your cooperation is appreciated in responding to Mr. Zapatka at this time with your highest priority location. Our plan is to complete each municipality's highest priority RSA in their community.

SDAT

The Department looks forward to working with Woodbury to improve the accommodations for pedestrians and bicyclists in Connecticut. By making conditions safer and more comfortable for pedestrians and bicyclists, the program will encourage more people to use these healthy and environmental sustainable modes of travel.

Sincerely,

James Redeker (handwritten signature)

James Redeker
Commissioner

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