

POPE LAND DESIGN COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 6, 2024 – 10:00AM (VIA ZOOM)

1. Call to Order. Present: Ray McGuire, Lisa McAuliffe, Vivian Garfein, Tim Sinclair, Abeth Slotnick, Curtis Rand and Phil Barlow, FHI Consultant.
2. **Approval of Agenda. So Moved** by V. Garfein and unanimously **Approved**.
3. **Approval of the Minutes of May 2, 2024. So Moved** by V. Garfein and unanimously **Approved**.
4. Committee Discussion: Site Visit and Public Information Forum
R. McGuire suggested that Phil Barlow should be the focus of the site visit and the Town Hall forum. C. Rand expressed that he wants to re-schedule the site visit, due to the weather forecast of thunderstorms. A. Slotnick, V. Garfein and L. McAuliffe agreed that it made sense to cancel today and re-schedule. The site visit to the Pope Property was postponed until Thursday, June 13th at 5:00pm. There will be handouts made of Concept 6 for the site visit on Thursday. Phil Barlow will bring his materials to Town Hall. R. McGuire will introduce the Committee members and Phil Barlow, then have C. Rand address the Rail Trail paving issue and answer other specific questions just received this morning. C. Rand will also give the brief history of the Pope Property purchase and the 2 Committees that were appointed. Regarding recent letters in the Lakeville Journal, Mr. Barlow noted that it was the same Chair of the PZC who had not raised any objections when the Concepts were originally presented. After C. Rand has finished talking, R. McGuire will use the questions/issues prepared by V. Garfein and L. McAuliffe, for all members to answer. Questions will then be taken from the audience, directed to the members, not Mr. Barlow. A summary of the process, going forward, was discussed and reviewed. C. Rand indicated that the next steps have not been determined yet; this Committee should consider next steps and give guidance to the BOS. T. Sinclair expressed that this Committee has completed their charge to come up with a concept and that changing the charge, going forward, would be a whole new process. A. Slotnick also commented that this is the final step of this Committee, to listen to the public tonight, possibly incorporate some of those things into a concept which would then be developed further. C. Rand indicated that the BOS would like to have a report. Getting neighbors involved in the process was mentioned also. L. McAuliffe commented that the work of this Committee was to create concepts, provide a report and then their work is done; C. Rand suggested that could be a recommendation. A. Slotnick and V. Garfein suggested that a new Committee could be an expanded version of this one; T. Sinclair pointed out that it would be a new charge to a new Committee. C. Rand commented that the BOS will accept the report, with thanks, and then make recommendations for a new, possibly expanded Committee with a new charge. R. McGuire will report on the report, along with

recommendations and include comments heard at tonight's meeting. Jim Dresser, who was attending the meeting, suggested having a member of the BOS ex-officio on the new Committee, since this is a Town-owned property and project; R. McGuire agreed. T. Sinclair commented that this gives some clarity as to the next steps in the process.

5. Public Comment

George Massey talked about his plan which he had previously presented to the PLDC and asked to present it at the forum tonight. C. Rand responded that nothing is being added to the forum tonight; there will be opportunities in the future to present other ideas. R. McGuire agreed that nothing else will be added to the forum tonight. A. Slotnick expressed that George Massey's plan had been discussed, considered and rejected by the PLDC. Mr. Barlow mentioned that the input was helpful and informed the final plan. V. Garfein pointed out that there had been 3 plans; the Committee got feedback on those and then focused on Concept 6, which is the one being presented. R. McGuire will look at the questions and issues for the presentation tonight. Jim Dresser suggested addressing the "Save the Rail Trail" issue and talking about the open and transparent process going forward.

The meeting concluded with the reminder that the Site Visit today has been cancelled and postponed until Thursday, June 13th at 5:00pm.

6. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 10:55am.