# Town of Princeton, Mass. -- Remote Meeting

## ROAD ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes, 1/10/2022 6:00 PM

**Present:** Chair Matt Granger, Members Al Pearson, Ann Neuburg, Daeg Brenner Town Administrator Sherry Patch, Highway Superintendent Ben Metcalf, Advisory Board liaison Peter Guimette

Guests: CEI: Matt Lundsted

McClure Engineering: Chris McClure

VHB: Gene Crouch, Greg Russell and Luke Boucher

**6:03 PM** Call to Order (GoToMeeting)

### **Proposal interviews**

Committee members interviewed the three submitters of proposals for engineering Worcester Road.

#### CEI:

- Surveying is a big part of the project
- Doug Andrysick is the designated surveyor
- Analogous projects include roadway design in Lincoln
- Review of CEI's personnel, project understanding, services provided.
  - Establish new baseline as there is no existing MADoT plan (except near Hickory Drive).
- Complete Streets experience includes survey side.
- Best part of working with Princeton: resources (Ben, volunteers). Worst: MassDot Chapter 85 review process.

#### McClure:

- Water management is the biggest challenge of the project.
  Each driveway transition along the sidewalk section must not send water onto the property.
- The road has "Worcester County layout", but no records. McClure will have an engineer do the research.
- Complete Streets experience includes Spencer and a rait trail conversion. Their approach is to integrate CS projects into future projects.

#### VHB:

- Water management is a big part of the project.
- Princeton is in a water protection district.
- Will file for RFD from DCR. Streams may need NOI.
- Proposed storm water management utilizes existing infrastructure to minimize impact:



- Coal Kiln project, what went wrong: contractor for permitting to reroute stream withdrew.
- Experience with Complete Streets and other grant programs: grants for Holden, Southbridge, \$700K for Grafton (\$300K for sidewalks). MassWorks projects include rebuild Rte 20 in Shrewsbury and Main Street in Marlboro.
- Pavement assessment: 3 days of testing concentrated on spots like Governors Brook that show degradation.

**Proposal Budgets** 

Sherry provided the total bids for each of the 3 submitters. Members requested greater detail.

**TO DO**: Sherry Patch will distribute detailed price proposals

Next Meeting Monday, January 19 at 6:00 PM.

Adjourn 8:03

Respectfully Submitted Ann Neuburg

### **Referenced Documents:**