

**Village of Hamilton
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
October 25, 2010
4:00pm
SOMAC Bldg, Lebanon Street**

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Mayor Sue McVaugh, Trustees: Margaret Miller, Russell Lura, Jim Bona, Suzanne Collins; Clerk/Treasurer Ronda Winn, Director of Utilities and Public Works Sean Graham; Police Chief Rick Gifford; DPW Foreman Randy Weaver

Public Present: Sam Cooper, John Stockton, Tom Hodge, Carolyn Godfrey-Mid York Weekly, Harvey Kliman, Roger Bauman, CJ Luburger

The Mayor called meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Randy Weaver explained the snow removal process for the area, stating his concerns and the history of snowfall.

Roger Bauman offered an area for excess snow next to the Colgate Inn.

Director Graham indicated more man-hours would be necessary to handle the snow removal, and he expressed his concerns with the bumpouts.

Sam Cooper expressed concern with the turning radius. Roger Bauman explained the concept was to improve pedestrian travel distances and for a "greener" intersection.

Discussions relating to turning radiuses followed. Sam Cooper suggested a compromise and a modification of design.

WHEREAS, since 1972, professional studies have been prepared for or by the Village, all citing the need for improvements to the intersection of Broad, Utica, Madison, Payne and Lebanon Street (hereby referred to as "the 5-way intersection"), including the 1972 Bailey Association Report, 1992 Village Master Plan, 2000 Bero & Associates Conceptual Plan, 2001 McFarland-Johnson Report and 2007 Greater Hamilton Economic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Hamilton Master Plan (adopted March 2009) contains the following statement with regard to the 5-way intersection, "[the Master Plan] will support modification to streets, explore new parking opportunities, and investigate various traffic control mechanisms, when these would ease pedestrian movement and manage vehicular movement, particularly in the historic center," and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2009, the Partnership for Community Development, with the consent of Village of Hamilton, issued a request for proposal for the 5-Way Intersection Study; and

WHEREAS, on November 30, 2009, Elan Planning, Design & Landscape Architecture, PLLC, entered into a contract to facilitate this project and has since worked with the 5-Way Intersection Task Force to complete a draft project report; and

WHEREAS, the objectives of this report include improving vehicular traffic movement, providing a safe pedestrian environment, improving the street aesthetics, parking and signage, and spurring economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Five-Way intersection report presents various concepts in which these objectives can be achieved; and

WHEREAS, the report represents the culmination of a successful partnership among the Partnership for Community Development, the Village Board of Trustees, the Village Planning Board, the New York State Department of Transportation, the Town of Hamilton Board of Trustees, the Village Department of Public Works, the Village Pedestrian Safety Committee, the Village Police Department, Colgate University, and the Hamilton Business Alliance; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board reviewed the Five-Way Intersection Study and Proposed Improvement Concept Plan dated July 2010 that supports the stated objectives and goals including improving vehicular traffic movement, providing a safe pedestrian environment, improving the street aesthetics, parking and signage, and spurring economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board recognizes that the individual design alternatives are concepts that will require further detailed analysis;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village Board endorses the concepts proposed and approves moving forward to the next phase; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Village shall continue the partnership with the Partnership for Community Development and the New York State Transportation to explore further the viability and implementation of these objectives and the recommendation in the report through the development of engineering schematics for the project.

A **motion** was made by Trustee Miller to enter into executive session. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Collins and carried.

A **motion** was made by Trustee Bona to end executive session at 6.40pm. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Lura and carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Bona made a **motion** to adjourn. The **motion** was seconded by Trustee Collins and carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Taranto