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Minutes for July 8th approved

Members: Rik Kristiansson, Gloria Rabinowitz, Rachel Verno
Guests: Jim Weidman

Traffic Mitigation:

- Letter sent to committee re speed limits, speed monitors and concept plans for back roads.
- Reported on the committee's proposal for a roundabout at Little Cobb Road and Scuttlehole Road, removing the light at Station Road and implementing no left turns.
- Questions about removing the light at Station Road.
 - Unclear if no left turns is just for Old Mill, the post office, Station Road and Nowedonah or if the larger feeder roads like Deerfield would be included.
- There is a mile long stretch between the two roundabouts, how would no left turns work? How would this be enforced? Would there be no left turns out of businesses like True Value and the Speedway? Not entirely clear if these businesses along with Deerfield, Willow, Rose Hill, Davids Lane etc would be included in no left turns.
- How large would the roundabouts be?
- How do emergency vehicles maneuver roundabouts? Do they drive through the center when there is traffic?
- Is there a sidewalk for pedestrians and bikers?
- Unclear the need for a roundabout at Scuttlehole.
- The roundabout at Little Cobb could eliminate left turns off of Old Mill and the Post Office which are problematic.
- Would like to see data confirming that removing the light would alleviate traffic. Bill Hillman stated in his presentation that flashing lights do nothing to help traffic and actually slow things down. Not clear if the town has ever done a pilot program at the light in Water Mill where it is turned off completely (not just flashing). Would be helpful to have that kind of data.
- Would like to know the data/studies for analyzing the two lanes of traffic on CR39 merging into the one lane on Rt 27. Are there any ideas/plans for that intersection?

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- Discussed application that will have a public hearing on September 12th.
- The building is still owned by Sherry Lane Associates. Not clear what the terms of the lease are.

- Planning had issues with the coffee shop proposal and explained that the applicant would need a variance for that use from the ZBA. The applicant has removed the coffee shop. Not clear if they will try to get a variance in the future.
- The footprint of the building to remain the same, solar panels will be installed in the future.
- Questions about circulation. Currently there are curb cuts on Rt 27 and CR 39. Plans call to close the curb cut on CR 39. Will there be left turns out of the one entrance/exit?
- Landscaping, lighting plans.
- There is currently storage outside, will that all be removed.
- Who can use the charging stations.
- Hours of operation.
- Is this a car dealership? Will cars be located on site? Is it a service station?
- Will batteries be stored on site for service.

Other issues:

- Question about how the lottery works for the 4 affordable units at the Townhouse project.
- Mill Pond status? Rachel will check in with Bob Macris to see if everything is on track.

Minutes taken by Rachel Verno