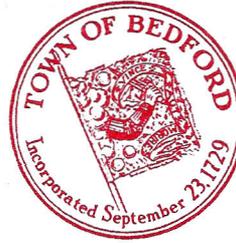


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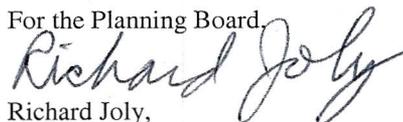
Walter St. Onge, Selectmen Chair re: Great Road Master Plan  
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Dear Walter,

The Planning Board has reviewed the materials on the Great Road Master Plan presented by Vanasse-Hangen-Brustlin, Inc. at the second public meeting on June 8, 2011. The Planning Board strongly supports this plan. This plan supports key tenants of the Bedford Comprehensive Plan including making the Great Road a pedestrian friendly streetscape and supporting economic development and a striving business district. The Planning Board felt strongly about the following needs:

1. Solar trash and recycling receptacles for public spaces
2. A pedestrian signal at Great Road and Hillside Avenue
3. A consultant analysis of the impact of light overspill on abutting properties from the proposed traffic signals.
4. Shade trees with a large canopy rather than flowering trees, as recommended by the Comprehensive Plan.
5. The Planning Board supports the consultant's recommendation for Option 2 for Wilson Park.
6. The Planning Board supports the proposed use of rain gardens.
7. The following additions to the plan are needed:
  - A crosswalk from the tot lot to the library
  - Better pedestrian access in the area of the traffic circle in front of Town Center
  - A sidewalk extension from the High School to the walkway next to the football field.
  - A sidewalk from the High School out to Concord Road via Liljegren Way
8. Maintain the crosswalk in front of the Fire Station.

For the Planning Board

  
Richard Joly,  
Planning Director

cc: Richard Warrington, Director of Public Works  
Trish Donegan, Vanesse-Hangen-Brustlin, Inc.