

Select Board's ad hoc Hartwell Road Committee

Draft Minutes of November 8, 2021 meeting

Remote participation videoconference

Members Present: Jennifer Boles, Lori Eggert, Meeta Mathur, William Moonan

Also present: Charles Ticotsky, Special Assistant to the Town Manager, Meeting Administrator

Taking Minutes: Meeta Mathur recorded the meeting for the Minutes

Call to Order: Chair Boles opened the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

Disclaimer: *Pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021, which temporarily suspends certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, this meeting of the ad hoc Hartwell Road Committee is being conducted via remote participation. Persons who would like to listen or view this meeting while in progress may do so by Zoom or by phone. All votes taken by this body shall be by roll call vote.*

Announcements:

[Note: NWIRP = Naval Weapons Industrial Reserve Plant.]

- Ms. Mathur and Ms. Boles and a number of Bedford town officials attended the October 27, 2021 Navy Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) virtual meeting. The Navy updated our Town on the progress of its ongoing environmental clean-up of the NWIRP:
 - A new investigation of the expansion of the TCE and 1,4-dioxane groundwater contaminant plumes at the northern NWIRP tract is underway. The Navy plans to add more extraction wells and treatment equipment relating to their preliminary findings.
 - Ms. Mather noted that the Navy representative confirmed that the developer of the former NWIRP Southern Flight Test Area (aka the Navy Hangar) is required to inform the Navy of any activities which could disturb contaminants under remediation. She suggested it is especially important that information also be shared regularly with the Town.
 - Ms. Boles noted there was some confusion at the meeting among Navy contractors and environmental agency officials about the existence and location of the former ammunition bunker on Hartwell's Hill. She suggested information on the bunker's location and condition should be clarified and shared with the Town.
- On August 4th, a representative of the Department of Defense Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation explained (in reply to a question submitted at a DOD webinar earlier in the summer) that a proposal for an off-installation solar farm would be eligible to be considered for DOD grant funding if the project "supports broader efforts towards minimizing potential interruptions to the mission, including energy resiliency and other efforts to better sustain the local mission." (Committee note: "the mission" is that of the

military installation, but projects may be designed to benefit both the installation and the local host community. The committee has discussed the Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program in the past as a possible funding source for a Hartwell's Hill solar farm if the Town and Hanscom Air Force Base wish to partner on a grant application. Grants for off-installation infrastructure projects range from \$250,000 to \$20 million.)

Minutes Approval:

- April 6, 2021 meeting draft Minutes
- April 28, 2021 meeting draft Minutes
- June 3, 2021 meeting draft Minutes

Mr. Moonan moved to approve all three sets of draft Minutes as written, simultaneously.

Ms. Eggert seconded the motion.

Ms. Boles, Ms. Eggert, Ms. Mathur, and Mr. Moonan each voted "Aye" by voice roll call.

The draft Minutes of the ad hoc Hartwell Road Committee meetings of April 6, 2021; April 28, 2021; and June 3, 2021 were then approved by another vote of **4-0-0**. (All four members were present during each of the three meetings.)

Draft Report Progress: Compilation, review and editing of the report continued. The deadline for completion will be around the end of November.

Other Business: An online poll will be sent to members to choose the next meeting date to review changes in the draft report. The meeting should take place before Thanksgiving.

Adjournment: Ms. Eggert moved to adjourn the meeting and Ms. Mathur seconded the motion. The motion was approved **4-0-0** in a voice roll call with Ms. Boles, Ms. Eggert, Ms. Mathur, and Mr. Moonan all voting "Aye". The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.