

Andover MBTA Community Working Group

September 28, 2023

Meeting Summary DRAFT

Present

Working Group Members: Kevin Coffey, Hugh Conlon, Denise Johnson, Linda Lecomte, Jennifer Lemmerman, Andrew MacKenzie, Benet Raphael, Stuart Rubin

Staff: Monica Gregoire

Absent from the Meeting: Emran Baqui, Jane Gifun, John O'Hara, Susan McCready, School Committee Liaison, Jessica Randolph, William Walsh, Morgan von Prelle, Planning Board Liaison

The meeting started outside because the Old Town Hall Doors were locked.

Once inside, Monica reviewed her handout with attendees. Discussion turned to the MBTA Community Working Group recommendation. Kevin Coffey offered that the Brickstone location be considered. Linda Lecomte asked about Ballardvale station. Kevin Coffey brought up the traffic jam that already exists there. Tony Collins, past Associate Planner for the Town of Andover, said that he didn't think the neighborhood would approve.

Stuart Rubin made a motion to take a vote in favor of having the expanded Historic Mill District to be the sole recommended location to comply with the new MBTA zoning law.

Unsure who seconded the motion.

Voted in Favor: Hugh Conlon, Linda Lecomte, Jennifer Lemmerman, Benet Raphael, Stuart Rubin

Opposed: Kevin Coffey, Denise Johnson, Andrew MacKenzie

Next step is for Monica to use the recommendation to develop something to present to the town on October 12th. She will prepare 3 scenarios with some version of HMD plus.

Group agreed that the Working Group needs to continue community outreach. Discussion turned to whether the vote was premature. Monica said that community input would still be considered with regard to the recommendation.

Linda Lecomte requested that the Communication Director share his communications plan so that the communications subcommittee could build on that for outreach to residents.

Reviewed July 18th minutes. Linda Lecomte said that she was present at the meeting. Stuart Rubin motioned to approve the modification.

Stuart Rubin moved to adjourn.