Town Center Task Force Handout - 2010.04.23

The Town of Sudbury has created 2 new designs proposed for the Town Center. The Board of Selectman would like to have a review of the plans and select one to take to a detailed design. The review will probably happen at a Selectman's meeting in June, but, the exact timing has not been determined. The goal is to present the detailed design at Town Meeting in April of 2011.

As presented at the SCIAC meeting in March, both plans have the same "level of service" (traffic flow) and have similar costs. For the FPS discussions, we should accept these assertions.

Both of the plans will require a land transaction with First Parish of Sudbury. We believe giving the Town input before the detailed design is begun is the best plan. Ideally, we would like to formalize our input in a letter to the Town that is approved at the Congregational Meeting.

The full history is here:

http://www.sudbury.ma.us/documents/dl/4149/FinalReportMarch08.pdf

For the three years that were studied in 2006, one pedestrian left the intersection in an ambulance each year. There are 3 times more accidents than average for the traffic volume of this intersection. The traffic light infrastructure and drainage must be fixed.

Summary of Community Goals on page 17:

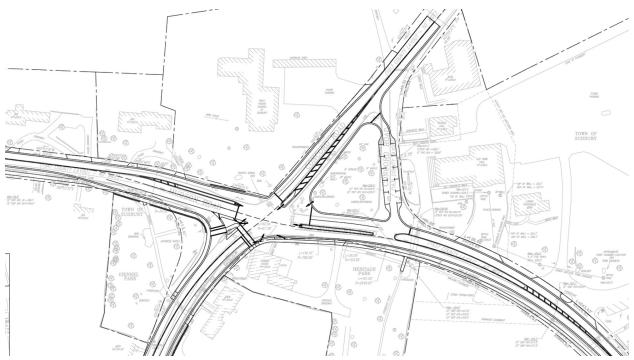
- Preserve and protect historic, cultural and natural resources in the center.
- Improve safety and accessibility for all those that use Sudbury Center.
- Improve traffic flow, but not traffic speed, through the center.
- Protect the existing scale and visual character of the center.
- Establish a clear sense of the town center as a civic location.

RESOURCES here: http://www.hardenbergh.org/places/sudbury/TownCenter/
The letter from FPS to the Town in 2007. FPSTownCenterLetter20070107.pdf
The plans for the two proposals in various forms, color satellite, large PDF and smaller PDFs.

Design aspects: Joining Common to FPS, 4 lanes in front of town hall, 4 lanes east-west, pedestrian safety, traffic safety, traffic flow, historic structures, historic accuracy, rounding the SE corner of our lawn, A walkway on FPS property along Rte 27, The civic space in front of Hosmer house, amount of pavement vs. green space, closeness on Concord Rd. to Meetinghouse.

The following 2 plans are the "4 legged option", aka Alternative 1 and the Offset T proposal. The task force has considered proposing changes to some of the design aspects and we also discussed a "\$5 solution" - no major changes, but, an island for pedestrian crossing on the South.

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4 legged, aka alternative 2, sometimes labeled alternative 2.

