

Bristol Town Administrator

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Subject: Munsill Avenue Scoping Study - Follow Ups

Hello All,

We had a productive discussion yesterday evening with the Selectboard to identify the Preferred Alternative. While there was a healthy amount of back and forth, I feel we got everything on the table in terms of the pros, cons and implications of the various alternatives, along with some good adjustments and additions.

Note: As we're good to go from here, we will not be meeting for a checkin tomorrow 11/30, but please feel free to send along any additional thoughts and insights.

Here's what I heard yesterday:

Selected Preferred Alternative: East Side Buffered Sidewalk, with 4-foot wide grass strip

Reasons for this selection:

- Pedestrian safety due to setback distance from roadway
- Consistency with the buffered sidewalk configuration on similar village streets
- Lower cost for sidewalk construction (separate from any drainage improvement needs)
- Greater plowing efficacy
- Maintains on-street parking availability
- Opportunity to shift utility poles to buffer strip (i.e., further away from residences), wherever feasible and where necessary for sidewalk construction
- Aligned with the public's expressed preference for a sidewalk on the east side rather than the west side of the street

Also:

1. Tighten radius at southeast corner of Munsill and Pleasant.
2. Adjust design at Thad's to tighten east radius at West Street, but with new drainage feature/extension only at the upper/north side of Thad's Munsill Ave driveway opening.
3. Indicate a potential drop inlet at east radius at West Street.
4. Initial cut back of cedars at Bristol Works!, while fencing remains a later option.

Next steps: We'll move forward with completing the scoping study report based on the above, and provide the final draft to you all and to VTrans for their review. We expect to have this final draft ready for review in 2 to 3 weeks.

After all of the comments from Bristol and VTrans are in and addressed, we will submit and present the completed document to the Selectboard-- that will be our final presentation. However, as we've spent so much good time together to date, that presentation can be brief!

Thank you,

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