

Lambert Site Walk 1/10/21

Attendees: Matt Peters, Liz, Trice, Brian Eng (MCDP)

Angela King, Bike Coalition of Maine

Neighbors: Keith & Karen Johnson, Mary Cafazzo, Ruth Bettinger, Lori Austill, Marilyn Kirby, Ed Eggleston, Nasser Rohani, Chris Nappi, Gene Morin

Notes:

Overall: It feels like a real neighborhood, and we don't want to lose it! - want to preserve deer habitat, reduce impacts of traffic. Housing is the least objectionable proposal we've seen come along - we want it to work.

Major Topics:

Traffic & Walkability, Sidewalks, Crosswalks: More sidewalks will be great. A traffic count was done a few years ago to justify widening Washington, should be able to find that. A setback from Washington may provide sound buffer for future residents. There's been a lot of new traffic coming from Falmouth. Intersections are very dangerous for walkers AND cars. Concern about adding more cars. Front Yards along Lambert and Auburn are currently unusable for children, can't walk on the street with a stroller.

Balance Between In-town and Rural

Places for Neighbors to Come Together and Speak as a Unified Voice

Preserve Deer Habitat and crossings. Almost everyone is concerned about deer crossings and winter bedding. They come from behind church/from Lester, come 15 at a time. There's an old orchard on the parcel that provides food for them. There used to be a winter deer yard where Garsoe Street is now. Can we get a wildlife person that would know how to track and protect routes?

Info for Prospective Future Residents: Marylin expressed interest in living in new development, Ruth has a coworker who may be interested, Mary and Nasser each have a daughter who may be interested.

Bus Service: service stops too early at night to be useful - can't go intown and take the bus back after a show at Merrill (Ruth)

StormWater Management: The culvert under Lambert is only about 12" - about the same width as the stream on that day, and frequently gets blocked. The stream next to Keith's house will pool water in a large area up to 2' deep and floods his basement, now has a sump pump. Marylin expressed concerns about flooding, too.

Disruptions during development: Concerned about water quality, blasting during construction
(Marylin)

Zoning: Gene would rather see large lots as current R2 allows

Paper Street at 165 Lambert Perhaps retire the paper street between Keith and Chris.