

In response to a question from Town Administrator Shankle, Joe Cummings stated that he believes there could be some compensation involved for himself and Kristan Patenaude, for time and effort. Both he and Kristan would like to see the show pushed forward.

#### **5.4 Planning Board – Master Plan, NRPC Proposal**

Mike Dell Orfano, Chairman of the Planning Board, explained that the Master Plan contingency tasks and associated dollars from the last presentation have since been incorporated in a revised proposal from NRPC. This planning process is looking for greater community involvement and to end up with an implementable plan. The group will look to come up with actionable events, with associated costs, that can then be tied to the CIP. This is entirely different from how the Master Plan process was done in the past, and for half the cost.

In response to a question from Chairman Lyon, Mike Dell Orfano stated that the total cost for the project is \$54,800. The Board already approved \$15,000 from the current year's budget, and so \$39,800 is being requested in the FY21 budget.

Jay Minkarah explained that this proposal includes more public input sessions and scenario planning. It also accounts for an increased total number of maps.

Selectman D'Angelo stated that it appears that the scope and budget for this project have increased, but that the process looks to end up with a more useful product and at half the cost of the last Master Plan process.

*A MOTION was made by Selectman Brew and SECONDED by Selectman D'Angelo to increase the amount allocated for the Master Plan process in the FY21 proposed budget from the already estimated \$25,000 [November 12, 2019 meeting] to \$39,800.*

*Voting: 5-0-0; motion carried unanimously.*

#### **5.5 Bike/Ped Committee**

Chris Buchanan, Chairman of the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee, explained that there is consensus from a cost standpoint that any projects should be done in time with already scheduled road construction. While there is interest in pursuing additional projects in town, the group has decided to try to showcase the Amherst Street side path projects and then take some time to investigate how to pursue future endeavors.

He explained that he, George Bower, and Rick Katzenberg met with the DPW to review the scope of work for this project. Fortunately, it looks like the project will now be extended an extra 800' or so and start at Courthouse Road.

George Bower explained that this extension gives the ability to create a side path all the way to Birch Park with a small amount of extra work, and immediately to Joshua's Park.

In response to a question from Selectman Grella, Chris Buchanan agreed that bicycles are not allowed on sidewalks per state law, and thus not allowed on Milford sidewalks.

NRPC is currently looking to discuss multimodal plans with Milford and other surrounding towns in hopes that these towns will look to pick up where Amherst leaves