

**TOWN OF NAPLES
CAUSEWAY RESTORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 17th, 2011 at 6:00 pm
Krainin Realty Office Building**

Bob Neault called the meeting to order. Also present were Maggie Krainin, Rick Paraschak, Derik Goodine, Dan Allen, David Sherlock, MDOT and Barbara McDonough.

Review and approve the minutes of July 20th, 2011. Barbara stated she could not find the meeting had been recorded during her absence on July 20th. Bob Neault would help her draft minutes from notes taken.

The first order of business was a discussion regarding the crosswalks. At the July 20th, 2011 meeting the committee voted not to add a crosswalk at the corner of Route 114 and Route 302 because of lost parking spaces (3 at Rick's, 2 at Sandy's), liability and people would cross wherever they wanted regardless of a crosswalk. Last week Dave Sherlock, Rich Cebra and Bruce Van Note, at the urging of a few concerned residents of Naples, visited the causeway to evaluate the proposed need for a crosswalk directly in front of the entrance of Rick's Café. They felt the current situation was unsafe and it is their recommendation a crosswalk is needed but not at that exact location. **Rick made a motion to reconsider the proposal. Maggie seconded the motion. Motion passed.** Dave showed the committee a detail proposal that would incorporate a newly installed crosswalk about 50 plus feet down from the corner of Rte. 114, heading east on Rte. 302, at the end of the storage taper, providing safe refuge and not cross 3 lanes of traffic, which they felt would be unsafe. The existing turning lane onto 114 would extend west on Rte. 302. Installation of a new crosswalk would mean omitting 3 parking spaces across from Rick's and one handicap space near Sandy's Flightdeck, but adding additional parallel parking before and on the bridge is an option. The committee liked the idea of additional parking near the bridge but not on the bridge. MDOT bridge design engineer said there is room to add up to 12 spaces. It was recommended only to replace the amount of spaces being taken. That seemed acceptable by all board members.

Another aspect of the proposal is installing a removable bollard and chain system in front of Rick's Café directing pedestrians to use the crosswalk. Dave said this is quite effective in Freeport and Topsom. The system would be removable to allow

for snow removal and maintenance. The bollards would be approximately 3 inches in diameter.

The board discussed the pros and cons of an additional crosswalk. The majority agreed a new crosswalk was needed. A pedestrian operated light was suggested, but turned down because it would be too costly.

Bob made a recommendation to get pictures of the system before presenting to the Selectboard.

Dan made a motion to recommend the proposal to the Board of Selectpersons, the proposal to include both the new crosswalk and bollard/chain system. Rick seconded the motion. Motion passed.

A member of the public audience was present and strongly urged the committee to place pedestrian units at the crosswalk in front of the Songo River Queen. Rick said Barbara would order 2 tomorrow and they would be placed at that location.

Dan said details of the Queen voyage were still in negotiations. Dave urged Barbara to contact Meg Lane, Public Relations Director, MDOT.

The next order of business was future maintenance of sod areas. Barbara said she had instructed Chris, maintenance person, Town of Naples to water in the mornings and Rick said the Fire Department would water as much as possible in the evenings.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara McDonough
Secretary