



Amesbury Technical Review Committee

August 6, 2024

City Hall Auditorium

62 Friend St.

9 am

Chief Bailey called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

Administrative –

1. 7-16-2024 Minutes

The minutes approval was tabled to the next meeting.

Application Review

1. [2 Merrimac St.](#) and [13 Merrimac St.](#) (Marina)

Mike Sanchez and Sam Colombo represented the applicant. Mike Sanchez commented that the goal for today was to provide an update on what has changed on the plan. There are now 99 parking spaces. They added 2 spaces in front of the existing blue barn. They have now commenced renovations on the barn. They designed a retaining wall, fence and curbing along the grass buffer edge of Merrimac St. They cleaned up the storm water comments and have committed to installing a crosswalk at Merrimac St. They can adjust the plan for the boat ramp area if needed. The landscape plan is cleaned up and they added all the plant types and showed where the greenery will be. There was a comment about planting in the right of way, and TRC can make a decision on that. They have committed to maintaining the plantings and the boat ramp.

Lisa DeMeo noted that she was still reviewing the updates and would send her comments after. Mike Sanchez commented that they sent the flow test results after the last TRC meeting.

Joe Buckley commented that they need to maintain sightlines in the right of way and noted that they need to reach out to the risk management folks about having private maintenance in the public right of way. Nipun Jain responded that they have done it in the past with CVS, so there is a model for it.

Mike Sanchez commented that they have not done line of sight analysis, but they will take that as a comment. Nipun Jain commented that it is a standard requirement of for a 350-foot line of sight.



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Mike Sanchez commented that they were hoping to get approval in September. The construction schedule will be 12-16 months. This fall they would tackle the parking in the 13 Merrimac St. lot and try to get utilities in. They will start the structure for the new marina building. The goal would be to open in May 2026.

Rob Serino questioned what the goal was for the 2025 boating season. Mike Sanchez responded that they would coordinate so there's safe access to the docks. Rob Serino commented that they will need to coordinate emergency access. Everything else on the plan looks good. The biggest concern is emergency access points during construction.

Lisa DeMeo commented on access between the two sites during construction. Mike Sanchez responded that they could put in a temporary crosswalk. The goal is to complete as much as possible on the 13 Merrimac St. side this fall.

Chief Bailey commented that they could work with the Mayor to provide access at the ramp site if that is needed during the construction phase. Mike Sanchez responded that once the docks are in and 13 Merrimac St. is complete, they should be all set, but appreciate the flexibility.

Mike Sanchez commented that they have changed the architecture for the entrance point. The bridge will have glass on both sides to provide views all the way through. They will reuse the existing electrical service during construction. They have not determined if they need to upgrade the transformer yet or not.

Chief Bailey questioned if the public would like to make a comment.

Sally Nutt questioned if the overflow parking was only going to be for staff and patrons of the marina. Mike Sanchez responded that they will not have a restaurant in the marina operations next year. If cars can't park on the site, then they can overflow to 13 Merrimac. Ms. Nutt questioned if any construction workers would be parking at 13 Merrimac St. Mike Sanchez responded that they should not need to. It is a sequential project so crews will be coming in for different phases.

Tracey Chalifour questioned if there was a plan to mitigate the construction vehicles temporarily parking on the side of the road. Mike Sanchez responded that the majority of the trucks will be able to drive right into the site. They will coordinate with the police department if there is going to be any road infringement or sidewalk blockage to coordinate a detail.



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Sally Nutt questioned what the City Ordinance said about deliveries. Jim Wilson responded that deliveries could happen Monday-Saturday from dawn to dusk.

Mike Sanchez commented that they have started construction activity on the site and have not heard any complaints from abutters. They will have contact information posted. It will not be a heavy construction traffic project.

Nipun Jain commented that this has been reviewed by Stantec. The applicant has responded to any issues and comments they have raised. .

Alison McKay was introduced as the new Conservation Agent.

Nipun Jain motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am. Seconded by Jim Wilson. The motion passed unanimously.