

Memorandum of Meeting

Date: December 2, 2005

Date of Meeting: September 22, 2005

Time of Meeting: 8:00 a.m.

Location: The Country Kitchen Restaurant, Millsboro

Topic: Millsboro-South Area Working Group Meeting #9

Working Group Attendees:

Name	Representing
Ronald Atherton	Business Owner
Joe Brake	First State Community Action Agency
Fran Bruce	Millsboro/Dagsboro Chamber of Comm.
Lynn Bullock	Millsboro Volunteer Fire Company
Donald Collins	Sussex County Farm Bureau
Preston Dyer	Developer
Peter Frederick	Mayor, Fenwick Island
Richard Kautz	Sussex Co. Planning & Zoning Comm.
Faye Lingo	Town Manager, Millsboro
Roger Marino	Mountaire Farms, Inc.
Pamela McComas	Bethany/Fenwick Chamber of Comm.
Clifton Parker	Farmer
Bill Pfaff	Del. Small Business Dev. Center
Gary Taylor	Town Manager, Selbyville
John Thoroughgood	Millsboro Town Co., Planning Comm.
Ann Marie Townshend	Office of State Planning Coordination

Monroe Hite, III, DelDOT's Project Manager on the US 113 North/South Study opened the meeting, welcomed the Working Group members back from summer hiatus and introduced Fran Bruce, as a new member to the Working Group representing the Millsboro/Dagsboro Chamber of Commerce, replacing Joan Boyce. Monroe also noted that Tran Norwood would be replaced by Tee Norwood and Bill Pusey would be replacing Margaret Mitchell on the Working Group.

Monroe stated that this morning's meeting was intended to bring the Working Group members up to speed on what has happened since the last Working Group meeting, including the Public Workshop and review with them the alternatives DelDOT has retained for detailed study.

Monroe then introduced Robert Kramer to review the results of the Public Workshops and discuss the community outreach effort.

Bob indicated that over 700 people had attended the 5 workshops in May and June with 199 attending the May 23rd and 24th Workshops in Millsboro and Selbyville. Over 250 comment forms had been received from the workshops with 75 coming from the Millsboro/Selbyville workshops. Bob indicated that a summary of the public comments would be provided shortly.

Bob also noted that the project website continued to be a source of information for the general public with over 2000 hits per month being received by the site.

Bob then discussed the continuing community outreach effort. He noted that meetings with the various planning groups both municipal and county were continuing. He further noted that briefings, similar to the one today, were provided for both County and State elected officials. Finally, Bob discussed the upcoming Open House meeting in Millsboro on October 18th. He indicated that the meeting would run from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and urged the Working Group members to attend at some time during the day.

Bob returned the meeting to Monroe who introduced Joe Wutka to review the Alternatives Retained for Detailed Evaluation. Joe went through the matrix that was part of the handout package, reviewed the Working Group's recommendations in May, the feedback from the public at the May Workshops, the Project Team's recommendations that were presented to the Environmental Resource Agencies in July, the Agency recommendations and DeIDOT's decision on Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study. In the Millsboro-South Study Area, it was pointed out that the Working Groups recommendations were all being carried forward for detailed study along with an additional alternative, Alternative 1. This alternative was being added at the request of the Environmental Resource Agencies.

Finally, Joe reminded the Working Group members that field studies were on-going throughout the study area using a width greater than the 300 feet that the Project Team had been showing as the area of impact for each of the alternatives.

Roger Marino asked about DeIDOT's financial problems (In reference to the newspaper articles regarding the funding shortfall at DeIDOT.). Monroe and Bob responded by indicating that construction costs had gone through the roof. The cost of Real Estate was rising to the point where it was greater than the construction cost. They noted that the Governor had appointed a Task Force to review DeIDOT's financial shortfall and recommend ways to address the issue. Monroe assured the committee that the funding to complete this study through the selection of a preferred alternative was in place.

Monroe then reviewed the upcoming steps in the process for the Fall and Spring of 2006, with emphasis on the upcoming Open House and the next Working Group meeting on November 16th.

Lynn Bullock asked if there was a faster way to get to a recommended alternative. Monroe responded that given the nature of gathering input from the Working Group, the public and Agencies (the three legged stool analogy) this was about as quick as the process could go.

Bob concluded the meeting by encouraging the Working Group members to participate in the next series of Working Group meetings that will focus on the Alternatives Retained for Detailed Study, and encouraged them to get their friends to attend the Open House.

Minutes prepared by Joe Wutka