

July 26, 2023

Library Abutter Meetings

Meeting with Michael Moretti

Attendance:

Denise Dembkoski, Town Administrator

Tina McAndrew, Library Director

John Bates, Colliers – Stow's Project Manager

Matt Sturz, Colliers – Stow's Project Manager

Michael Moretti – direct abutter, Crescent Street

Mr. Moretti was very pleased that we wanted to meet with him and hear his concerns. His major concern was alleviated right off the bat when we told him that the “bump out” was removed from the plan. As the design team was able to work that into the main structure.

His other concerns are as follows: (Town response/solutions in red)

- Wants to ensure the trees that are on his side of the property line are not being touched and some would be protected during construction. **There is no intention to impact the trees on his property. There will be a tree protection plan in the contract and we will look to add the specific trees the he identified as being most important to him.**
- Would prefer shorter plantings on the Crescent Street side adjacent to his property, as to not block his sightline to his driveway. **We will work with the landscape architects to address this. We were adding the plantings to provide more privacy for Mr. Moretti, however, if he would like them shorter, we will revise the plan.**
- Would like the ½ wall against the slanted window removed to allow better access for workers in the future. **This has been resolved – as that wall is being removed.**
- How can we ensure utility companies staff off his property in the future? Two years ago the gas company drove a vehicle over his property to get to the meter at the library. **While we cannot control private utility companies, the building will be all electric, so the gas company will no longer need to access the building.**
- Would like reasonable construction hours. **We informed Mr. Moretti that the standard hours for construction would be 7am to 3pm, Monday thru Friday with weekend work only out of a necessity.**
- He would like us to review the parking spaces on Crescent Street. He is concerned for the safety of people pulling in/out so close to the corner where cars drive fast around that corner. **This is a valid concern and should be reviewed as part of the Town Center Design Study.**

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Meeting with First Parish Church

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Denise Dembkoski, Town Administrator

Tina McAndrew, Library Director

John Bates, Colliers – Stow's Project Manager

Matt Sturz, Colliers – Stow's Project Manager

Ben Youtz, designLAB – Design Team

Johanna Pile - FPC

Sharon Brownfield - FPC

Rick Lent - FPC

Jenny – (Incoming Board President) FPC

We walked the FPC Representatives through the project to show them what would be changing and what impact, if any would be on the church.

We explained that during construction, Common Rd, in front of the library would likely be closed, as we would need space for equipment and materials.

The church representatives had questions pertaining to timing of deliveries as it related to child drop-off and wanted to know the impact on day care and their summer camp. **Our OPM said he would work with the vendors to ensure that there are no deliveries for the project during their standard drop-off and pick up times.**

Also, they wanted to know more information about the water system and potential for Common Road to be a one-way. **We discussed that the water system upgrades would be in tandem with this project and not tied to it and there would be a formal public hearing regarding Common Road.** Jenny had attended the Traffic Safety Advisory Meetings and was following the discussion.

FPC had no other concerns or questions at this time and thanked us for spending time with them to discuss the project.