

**Selectboard Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

Agenda Notes Update

7. *Jim Gish, Community Liaison, Downtown Bridge & Rail Project, to discuss next steps and timeline for review of Revised Concepts for Triangle Park & New Park off Printers Alley

Requested action:

A background statement from Jim Gish:

I will convey the State's request that the Selectboard initiate a two-week public review of its revised landscape design concepts for Triangle Park and the new green space in Printer's Alley. The State would then formally present the revised landscape design concepts at the November 27 Selectboard meeting and ask that the Selectboard decide at that meeting which concept it prefers for each of the two public spaces. The request and timeline are being driven by the State's need to finalize design plans for 2019-2020 construction, the main segment of the project, by the end of the year. **The revised concepts are expected to be available on Monday, November 12.**

In terms of the review process, the Board may wish to refer the revised design concepts to the Planning Commission and the Design Review Committee, respectively, for consideration and input. To meet VTrans' November 27th deadline, however, it should be noted that, given the public warning requirements of the Open Meeting Law and the proximity to the long Thanksgiving weekend, both reviews would need to take place, and feedback consolidated and communicated back to VHB, within a narrow four-day window, assuming that both panels are able to assemble quorums of their members.

With that reality in mind, it may be desirable for the Board to request from VTrans an extension of the review period to the Board's December 11th meeting, in order to allow adequate opportunity for public input. If the Board is agreeable, you may wish to authorize Kathleen to contact VTrans with this request. A [letter from the BMP Board](#) in support of an extension of the review period is included in your packet, for information.

11/13/18 Update: VHB landscape designer Mark Hamlin is attending this evening's meeting to very briefly review the design concepts for Triangle Park (the [two drawings](#) have been uploaded to your packet).

Recommendation: If the Board is amenable, the following motions would be in order:

*1) to refer the revised landscape design concepts for Triangle Park and Printer's Alley to the Planning Commission and Design Advisory Committee for review and comment;
and*

2) request that Town Manager Kathleen Ramsay contact VTrans on the Board's behalf to request an extension of the Board's approval deadline for the Triangle Park and Printer's Alley landscape design concepts to December 11th.