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**Subject:** Re: Southborough meeting recap

[EXTERNAL]

Hello Mark,

I agree, we also discussed the reciprocal license between St. Mark's and the Town; MassDOT did not have any concerns with that arrangement.

Thanks.

Barry

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Thanks, Barry.

Just one clarification to your additional comment. We did discuss the reciprocal license between the Town and St. Mark's School for the work on the properties that were owned by St. Mark's, and I believe that everyone was in agreement that this was acceptable for the project. As an aside, the Board is continuing to explore the possibility of an acquisition of St. Mark's land for this project, rather than replacing the license with an easement.

Please let me know if you have any additional comments.

Mark

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**[EXTERNAL]**

Good morning Mark.

District 3 is in general agreement with your summary of the meeting. We would add that we also discussed property ownership and wanted to ensure the work was done on property that was in the public domain.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Thank you.

Barry

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Barry:

Good evening.

Just wanted to follow up from my June request to you which is below. It would be really helpful if you could either agree with my recap of the meeting, or provide your own. This issue continues to simmer as the archeological review is underway, which needs to be completed so that the construction, including the park area, can resume and move towards completion.

As always, appreciate you assistance. Thanks in advance.

Mark

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**From:** Mark Purple  
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Barry:

Good afternoon.

Thanks for meeting with Karen, Greg and me on June 1, 2022 to discuss the Town's Shared Streets grant award for the St. Mark's Street park project. I wanted to follow up with you to confirm some of the items that were discussed that day when we met with you, Anne Sullivan, Michael O'Hara, and Cassandra Gascon who coordinates the Shared Streets program at the State level.

- MassDOT was asked by the Inspector General's Office to review the St. Mark's Street project expenditures under the Shared Streets grant based on complaints it received or were made aware of through their process;
- In reviewing the grant expenditures for the St. Mark's Street project, MassDOT has determined, and Cassandra concurs, that the funds were spent appropriately on those items related to the grant as defined in the application;
- Other road funds, including Chapter 90, were spent appropriately on the project as discussed;
- While the cross country path of the History Walk wasn't constructed, the DOT understands that the park, and its associated sidewalks and walkways, serve as the final connection of the loop of the sidewalks on Marlborough Road, the existing Library Walkways, the Sidewalks on Common Street and the Town House lot;
- **Although** the lack of a "history walk" in the actual project may have made the project less attractive in the grant review process, the project was still viable for consideration of a Shared Streets grant; however, the DOT sees that the cross country portion of the History Walk is the only missing piece and was not the main piece of the History Walk;
- Mass DOT will await notification from Southborough that the park area has been completed so that they may come out to inspect the final product. It was understood that the work had been paused so that St. Mark's School could undertake an archeological study of the proposed park area, based on concerns raised by residents;
- Should the park not be completed, then another conversation about the Shared Streets funding will need to take place, as the construction of a park was a condition of the grant award;
- Until the park is completed, future grant applications from Southborough will be paused.

Please feel free to correct or add to any of my recollections of the meeting, as it will help the Select Board to build consensus here in Southborough on the path forward to complete the project.

Thanks. Have a good weekend.

Mark

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