

Town Administrator's Weekly Update

Ayer Commuter Rail Surface Parking Lot and Access Improvement Project

November 21, 2016

- Park Street Property Acquisition - 21e (Environmental Assessment), appraisals, review appraisals completed. MART is working on a purchase and sales agreement for one of the three parcels.
- Transfer of Lot from DCR to Town of Ayer - Town Administration, MART and Weston & Sampson to meet next week with the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to transfer lot pursuant to Ch. 228 of the Acts of 2006
- Selection of Architect and Engineer - Completed
- Design Process - Survey of Rail Trail Lot underway. Schematic Designs for entire project will be completed in approximately 4 weeks for public review and comment. MART and the Town of Ayer has met with the design consultant and communicated various expectations for the design concepts for both the commuter rail access improvements off of Main Street at the Ayer Station and the parking improvements in the DCR property.
- Depot Square Status - The consultant is forwarding concepts for the temporary lighting and fencing at the station access which MART will forward to the town of Ayer for discussions. Once a selection has been made, MART will work with the consultant to get the selected lighting and fencing improvements installed.
- USO Building Status - The BOS voted to demolish the USO Building (Advocates Building) to increase access in Depot Square. The Office of Economic Development held a two day design charrette to solicit input on what the space will look like once the project is completed. Those concepts have been forwarded to the architect for review and preliminary incorporation.
- Construction Status - Not begun