

MEETING NOTES
Town of Groton Public Information Session
Mystic Streetscape Project
September 13, 2010
6:30 p.m. – Town Hall Annex
134 Groton Long Point Road

I. Attendees

Staff: Mark Oefinger, Town Manager; Michael Murphy, Director Planning and Development; Rick Norris, Project Manager; Barbara Strother, Economic Development Specialist.

Contractor: Norm Pettini, Lino Pettini, and Jim Murphy, Pettini Contracting Corporation.

Attendees: Fritz Hilbert (Mystic Fire Dept.); Eric Burns (Jerome Properties); Tricia Cunningham, (Greater Mystic Chamber of Commerce); Bob and Esther Cooper (Cooper Shoppe); Dana and Richard Semeraro (High Street); Cathy McHugh (Stonewear Clothing and Catherine M); Patience Banister (Bank Square Books); Cheryl Robdau and Rod Desmarais (Mystic Drawbridge Ice Cream); Carol Morosky (CeeCee's of Mystic), Brian Kent (Kent & Frost); Keith Schoppe, (ConnDOT Bridge Rehabilitation Project); Barbara Madejek (ConnDOT); Chuck Stevens (12 Stony Hill Drive); Laurie Bliss (The Velvet Swan); James Verni (Tidal River Clothing); Carol Kanabis (AZU); Jeffrey Pan (Prescient Studios); Lois Hiller (Mystic & Noank Library); Jan Gibbs (140 Dogwood Lane); GERALYN Socha (Mystic Merchants Group); Margaret Macris (Blue Horse); and Mick O'Beirne (Town Council, New London Road).

II. Welcome – Introductions

Michael Murphy welcomed the attendees and introduced Town staff and Pettini Contracting staff. Attendees who had not attended the June Public Meeting also introduced themselves.

III. Update on Project

Michael Murphy reported that since the June Public Meeting, the Town has been continuing to work on getting the final contracts and any other requirements in place. The starting date for the project is still not defined, but the goal is to have the contract signed by the end of this week, with the notice to proceed around September 20th and then mobilization can then take place. The tentative start date for actual construction activities is the week of the 27th of September.

Rick Norris, who will oversee the construction of the project, provided an overview of the construction sequence, traffic control and building access. Mr. Norris noted that the goal is for the construction sequence to disturb one area at a time and that it is the Town's intention to meet with each group of businesses in areas where work will be done prior to the start of each segment.

A map was shown with the estimated construction sequence by areas. Jim Murphy, from Pettini Contracting Corporation, noted that the normal hours of operation will be 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Rick Norris added that someone from the Town is required to be in the construction areas during these times. The contractor is contemplating evening work for the sewer line installation work to minimize traffic impacts.

Due to the upcoming Bridge Rehabilitation Project, work will start on the north side of West Main Street, at the first block from the Bridge to Gravel Street. The first segment is estimated to take 6-8 weeks, and the entire project 18 months.

The only available areas expected to be used as "lay down areas" for materials construction equipment, etc. are the Gravel Street pump station parking lot and/or the Town-owned parcel next to Mystic Pizza.

Traffic Management will include barriers, particularly in the Central Hall building's prior location, and protected work areas, but no road closures are foreseen. There may be some times when one-lane traffic is utilized, which is expected to occur infrequently.

Building Access – it is the goal to provide continuous access to the buildings, although there may be some short times when direct access is not possible. The Town and Contractor will minimize this whenever possible (e.g. pour concrete before stores open).

Outreach During Project – Rick Norris noted that there will be periodic meetings with the businesses in each upcoming work area a week or two before the work begins. There will also be periodic public meetings held, and a newsletter on the project will be developed. The Town will also hold a "groundbreaking" event. Discussion following emphasizing the need to focus on the positive aspects of the project. The merchants also discussed some of the important dates for them (e.g. Thanksgiving weekend, Mystic Stroll).

It was noted that there is a portion of the Town's Web Site dedicated to this project, and the minutes and PowerPoint presentation from tonight's meeting will be added to this information (www.town.groton.ct.us). It was noted that a complete set of the plans and specifications are available on this web site. If there are questions related to a specific property, please contact Rick Norris at 860-446-5974 or RNorris@town.groton.ct.us.

Keith Schoppe, from ConnDOT, discussed the upcoming Bridge Rehabilitation Project and some of the timing aspects of that project. A public meeting on the project will be held at the Hoxie Fire House in the next month or so.

There were questions and answers during different segments of the meeting and several people asked about issues including how the project would affect their particular properties, signage, and ways to work together to minimize impacts.

Mr. Murphy thanked everyone for their attendance and adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.

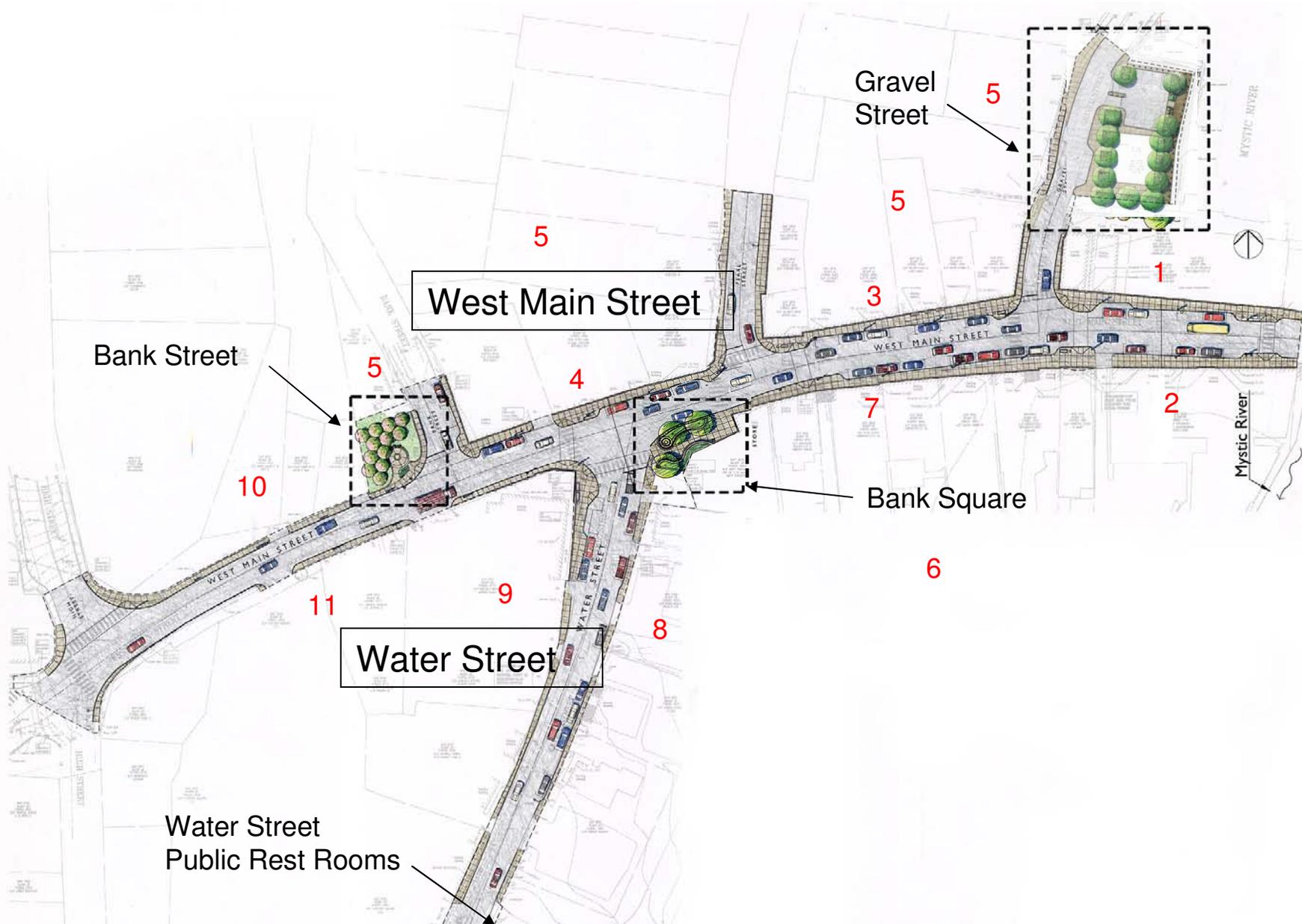


Streetscape/Roadway Improvements:

- Improve Streetscape
- Sidewalk width
- Accessibility
- Consistent Roadway Width
- Maximize Parking
- Crosswalk visibility

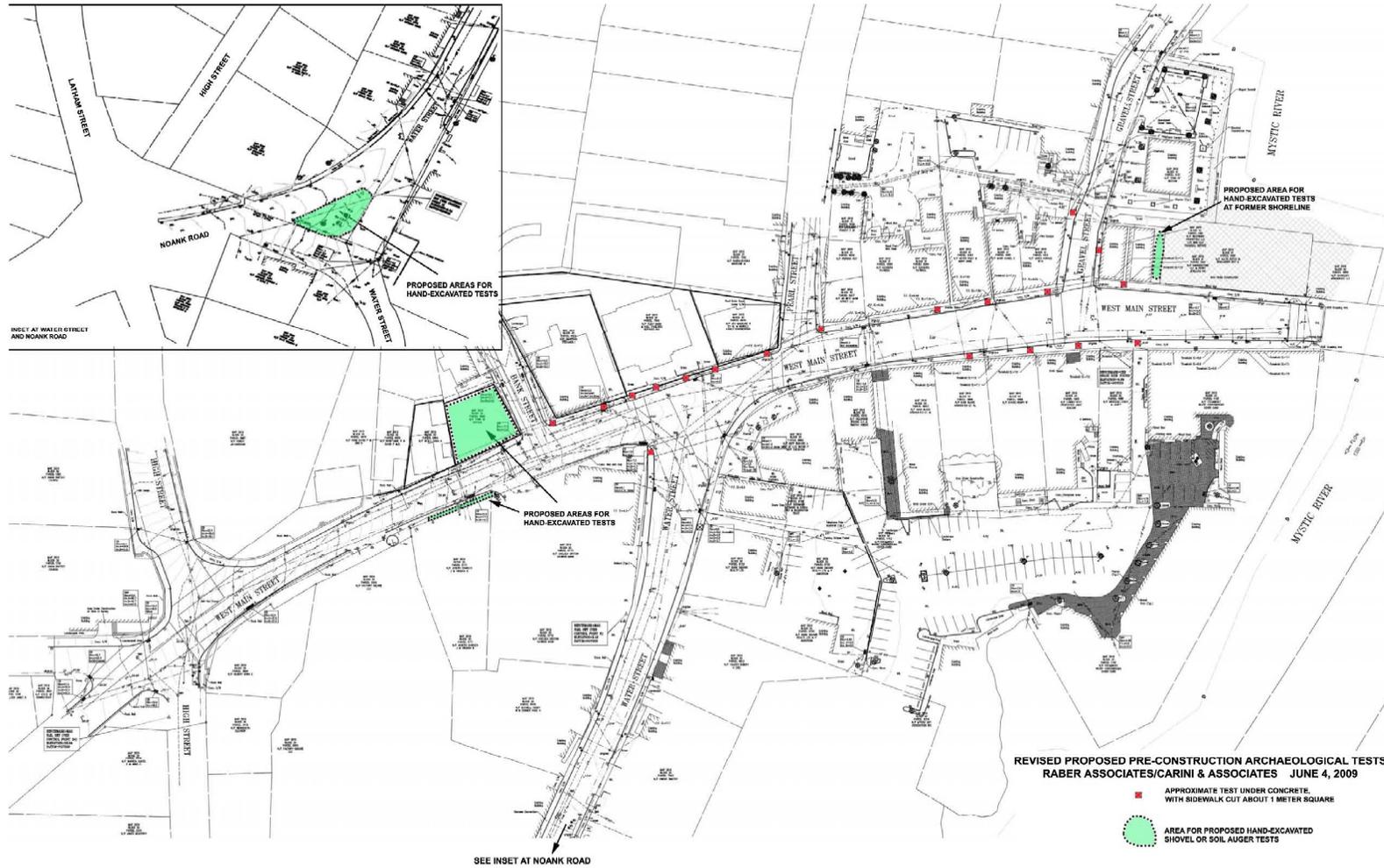
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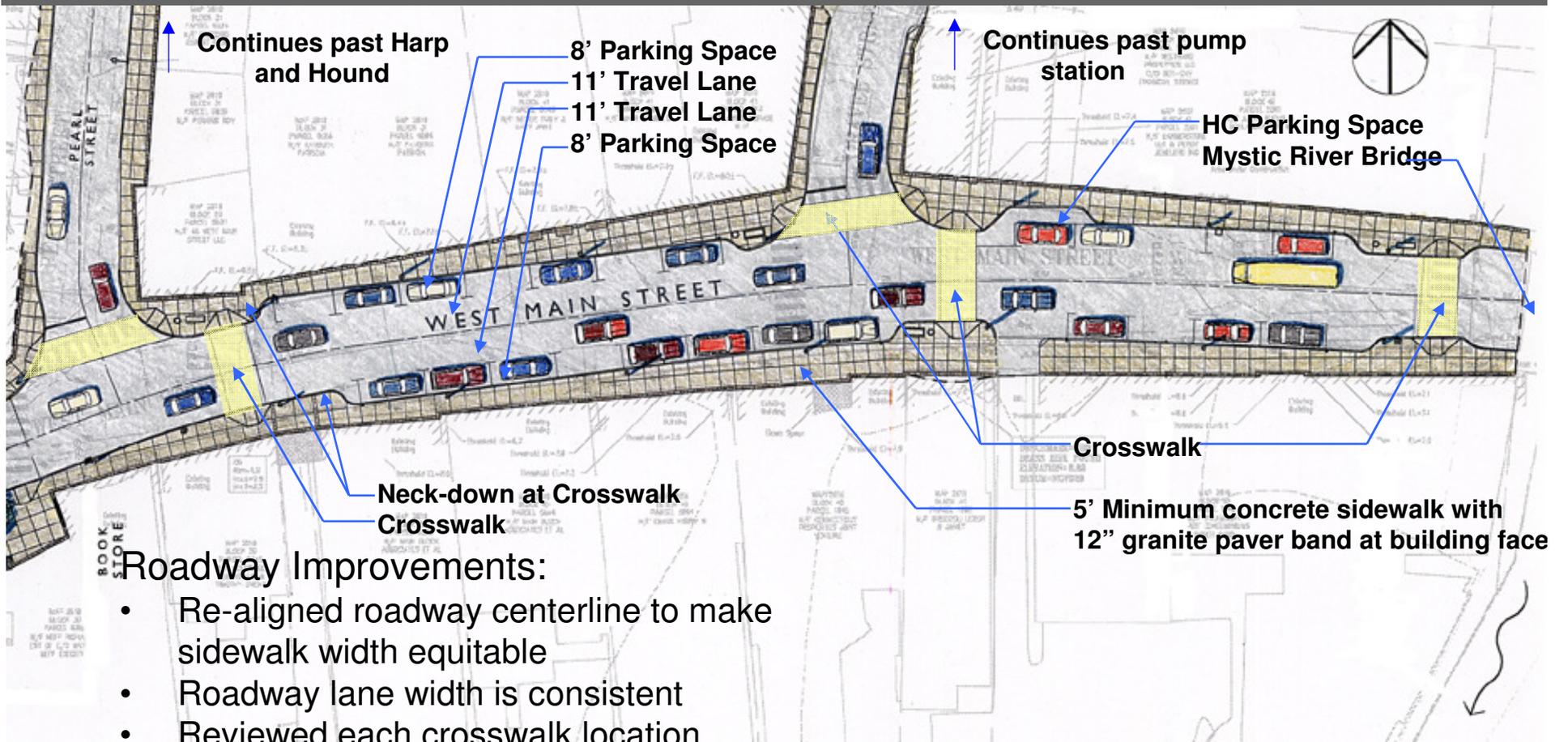
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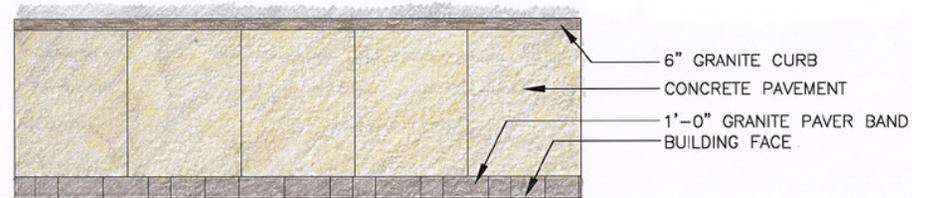




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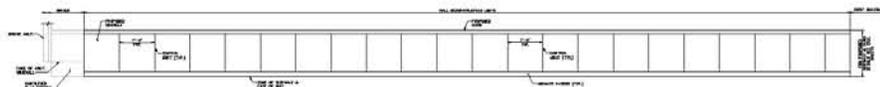
- Re-aligned roadway centerline to make sidewalk width equitable
- Roadway lane width is consistent
- Reviewed each crosswalk location
- Added neckdowns at all crosswalks
- Provided universal accessibility-walks and parking
- Maximized legal parking

Mystic River Bridge to Pearl Street



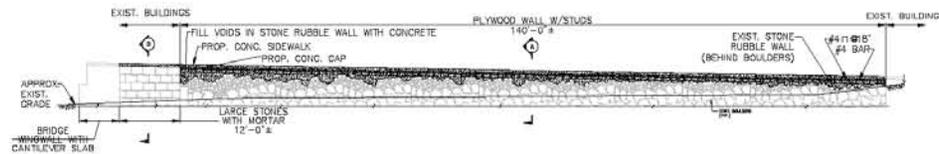
Typical SideWalk Treatment Plan

Retaining Wall at Central Hall



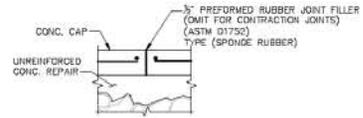
PLAN - WALL REHABILITATION AREA

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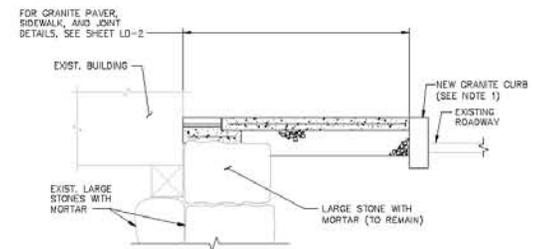
NORTH ELEVATION - WALL REHABILITATION AREA

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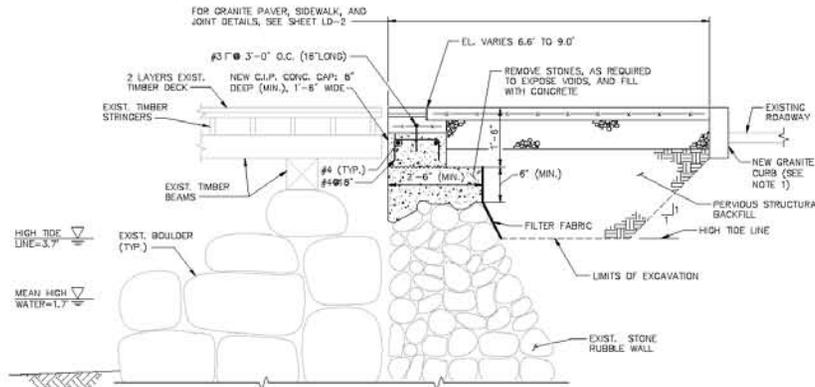
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SECTION A

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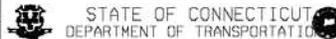
1. COMPLETE "EARTH EXCAVATION (SPECIAL)" IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONTRACT SPECIFICATIONS
2. FORM AND PLACE UNREINFORCED CONCRETE TO THE LIMITS SHOWN ON SECTION A OF THIS SHEET.
3. INSTALL FILTER FABRIC.
4. FORM AND PLACE REINFORCED CONCRETE CAP AND BACKFILL WITH PERVIOUS STRUCTURE BACKFILL.

NOTES:

1. FOR SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION DETAILS, JOINT DETAILS AND LOCATION OF WORK, SEE CIVIL SHEETS.
2. ALL CONCRETE SHALL BE CLASS "A" AND CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS.
3. REINFORCING STEEL SHALL CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ASTM A615.
4. VOIDS IN THE STONE RUBBLE WALL SHALL BE FILLED WITH CLASS "A" CONCRETE.
5. PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION JOINTS IN CONCRETE CAP AT MAXIMUM SPACING OF 30FT O.C. PROVIDE EXPANSION / CONTRACTION JOINTS EVERY 30FT (MAX). COORDINATE LOCATION OF EXPANSION / CONTRACTION JOINTS WITH GRANITE PAVEMENT JOINTS. STEEL SHALL BE CONTINUOUS THROUGH CONSTRUCTION JOINTS.

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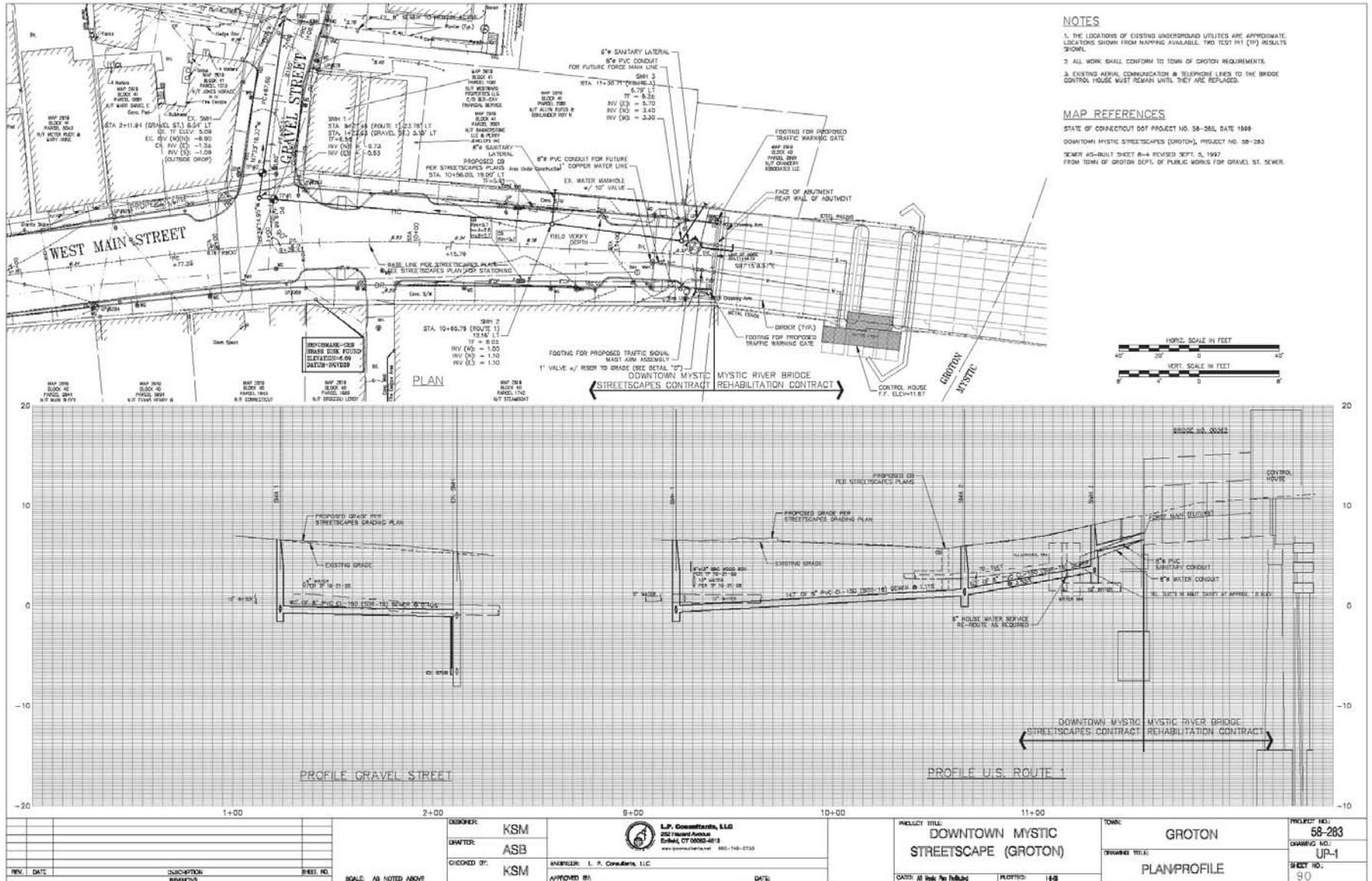
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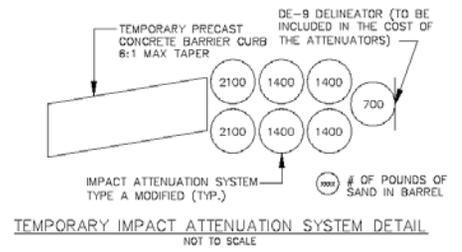
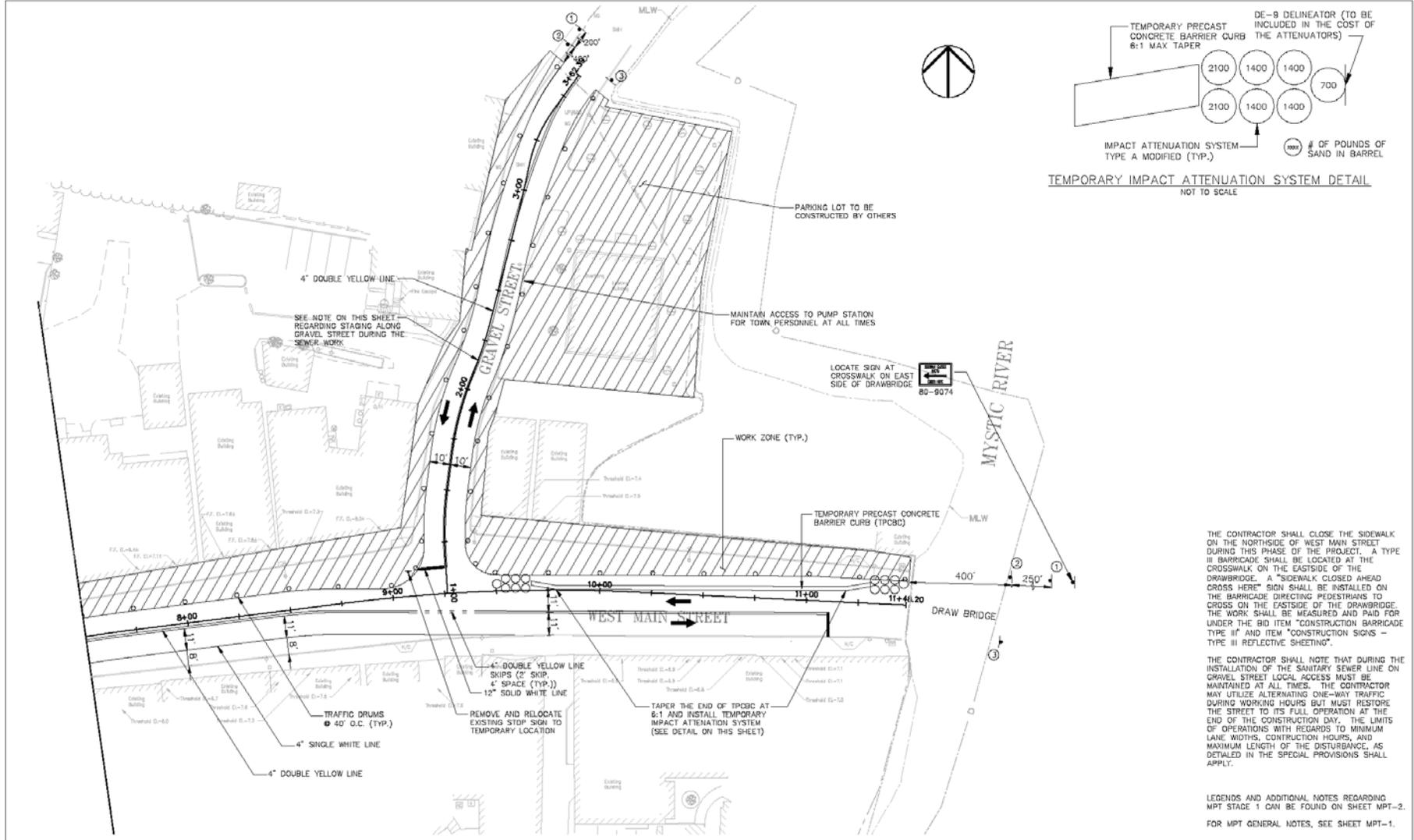
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Sewer Line Replacement



Traffic Management

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THE CONTRACTOR SHALL CLOSE THE SIDEWALK ON THE NORTHSIDE OF WEST MAIN STREET DURING THIS PHASE OF THE PROJECT. A TYPE III BARRICADE SHALL BE LOCATED AT THE CROSSWALK ON THE EASTSIDE OF THE DRAWBRIDGE. A "SIDEWALK CLOSED AHEAD CROSS HERE" SIGN SHALL BE INSTALLED ON THE BARRICADE DIRECTING PEDESTRIANS TO CROSS ON THE EASTSIDE OF THE DRAWBRIDGE. THE WORK SHALL BE MEASURED AND PAID FOR UNDER THE BID ITEM "CONSTRUCTION BARRICADE TYPE III" AND ITEM "CONSTRUCTION SIGNS - TYPE III REFLECTIVE SHEETING".

THE CONTRACTOR SHALL NOTE THAT DURING THE INSTALLATION OF THE SANITARY SEWER LINE ON GRAVEL STREET LOCAL ACCESS MUST BE MAINTAINED AT ALL TIMES. THE CONTRACTOR MAY UTILIZE ALTERNATING ONE-WAY TRAFFIC DURING WORKING HOURS BUT MUST RESTORE THE STREET TO ITS FULL OPERATION AT THE END OF THE CONSTRUCTION DAY. THE LIMITS OF OPERATIONS WITH REGARDS TO MINIMUM LANE WIDTHS, CONSTRUCTION HOURS, AND MAXIMUM LENGTH OF THE DISTURBANCE, AS DETAILED IN THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS SHALL APPLY.

LEGENDS AND ADDITIONAL NOTES REGARDING MPT STAGE 1 CAN BE FOUND ON SHEET MPT-2. FOR MPT GENERAL NOTES, SEE SHEET MPT-1.

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TO THE TOWN OF GROTON

SEPTEMBER 8, 2010

Adopted FYE 2011 Budget

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2009 Assessment Information:
To view 2009 assessment information on an interactive map [click here](#).



Emergency Management/9-1-1
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Tax Information
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Town Hall: 8:30am - 4:30pm
Town Hall Annex: 8:30am - 4:30pm.

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About the Town

Welcome to the Town of Groton, Connecticut. Located midway between New York and Boston, Groton is the largest municipality between New Haven, Connecticut, and the cities surrounding Providence, Rhode Island. Framed by the Thames River and the Mystic River, Groton is notable for its shores on Long Island Sound, just east of the end of Long Island. Both State and Municipal parks provide abundant access and views of the water. [Read more...](#)

Meetings Calendar

September 2010

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Mystic Streetscape

The Mystic Streetscape Project was conceived in the late 1990s as an upgrade to the sidewalks, parking and other accoutrements along West Main Street. The project is part of a series of streetscape projects being conducted by the Towns of Groton and Stonington. As a result of the fire of 2000, the project was expanded to include placing the electrical, telephone, and cable lines underground from the Mystic River Bridge to High Street along West Main Street. The sidewalks will be upgraded, signage improved, street furniture installed, some parking realigned, drainage improved, new streetlights installed, parklets developed, and the road repaved.

Additionally, sidewalks and streetlights will be replaced along Water Street from West Main Street to the vicinity of the Community Policing/Restroom building. The street lights will be replaced with lights like those on West Main Street, but the utilities will not be put underground.

Newsletters describing project progress and other highlights, plans, schedules, and other information regarding the project can be accessed from this page throughout the construction of the project.



Existing Overhead Utilities



Future Utilities (Underground)

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[Download Mystic Groton Bid Set Construction Manual](#) (PDF file 26mb)

[Download Mystic Groton Bid Set Construction Plans&Details](#) (PDF file 96mb)

[Download Meeting Notes and Power Point Presentation June 17, 2010](#) (PDF file 3mb)

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Overhead utilities and lighting-existing condition

C R J : A



Groton-West Main Street at Pearl Street, looking east

Proposed Condition-utility relocation and lighting

C R J : A





Mystic River Bridge c. 1865

The first Mystic River bridge was built in 1819, but was replaced in 1854 by the bridge in this photo and has since been replaced in 1922 by the present bridge.



Bank Square c. 1910

Horses drank from this fountain at the intersection of Water Street and West Main Street. The house in the background was built by Captain Ambrose Grant in the early 1800s, but razed in 1924.



Groton and Stonington Trolley Car c. 1904

Trolleys ran in Mystic from 1904 until 1928.



Brown's Livery Stable c. 1895

Water Street near Bank Square. Brown's Livery had "buggies, carryalls, surreys, funeral haks [sic] and a hearse."



View of Mystic River & Mystic Bridge, Conn. 1879.

Drawn & published by O. H. Bailey & J. C. Hazen.



West Main Street c. 1905

Trolleys were new to Mystic in this postcard showing West Main Street near Gravel Street.



The Railroad Bridge c. 1900

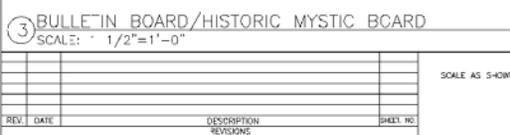
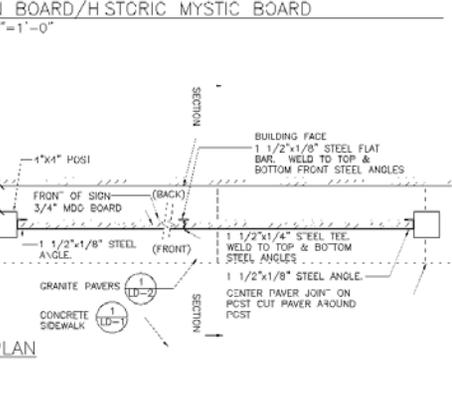
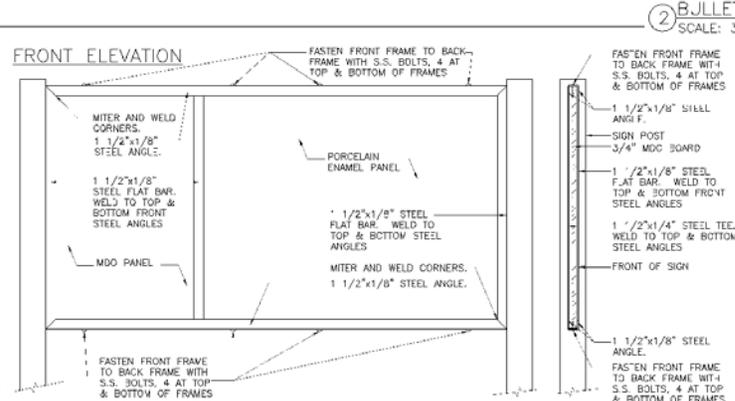
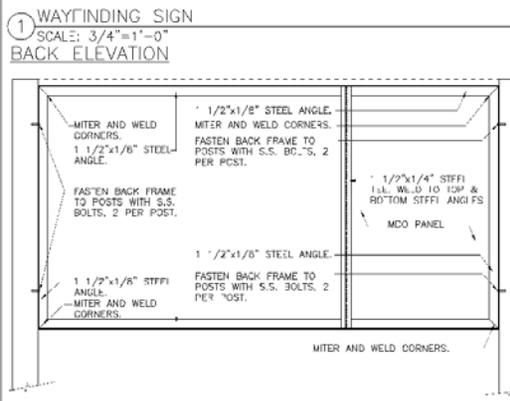
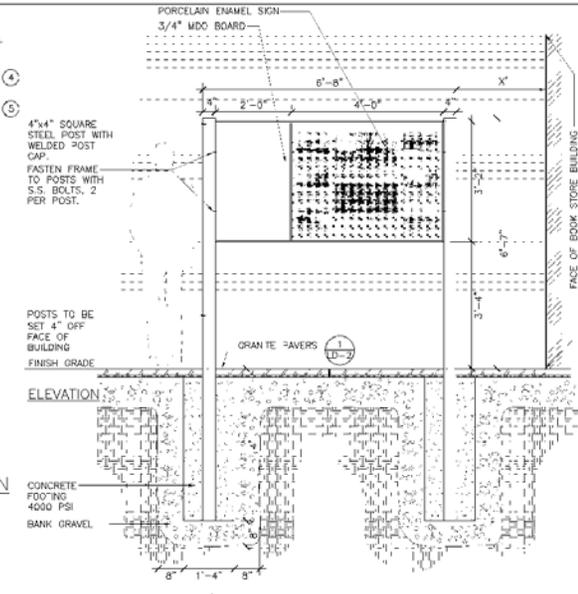
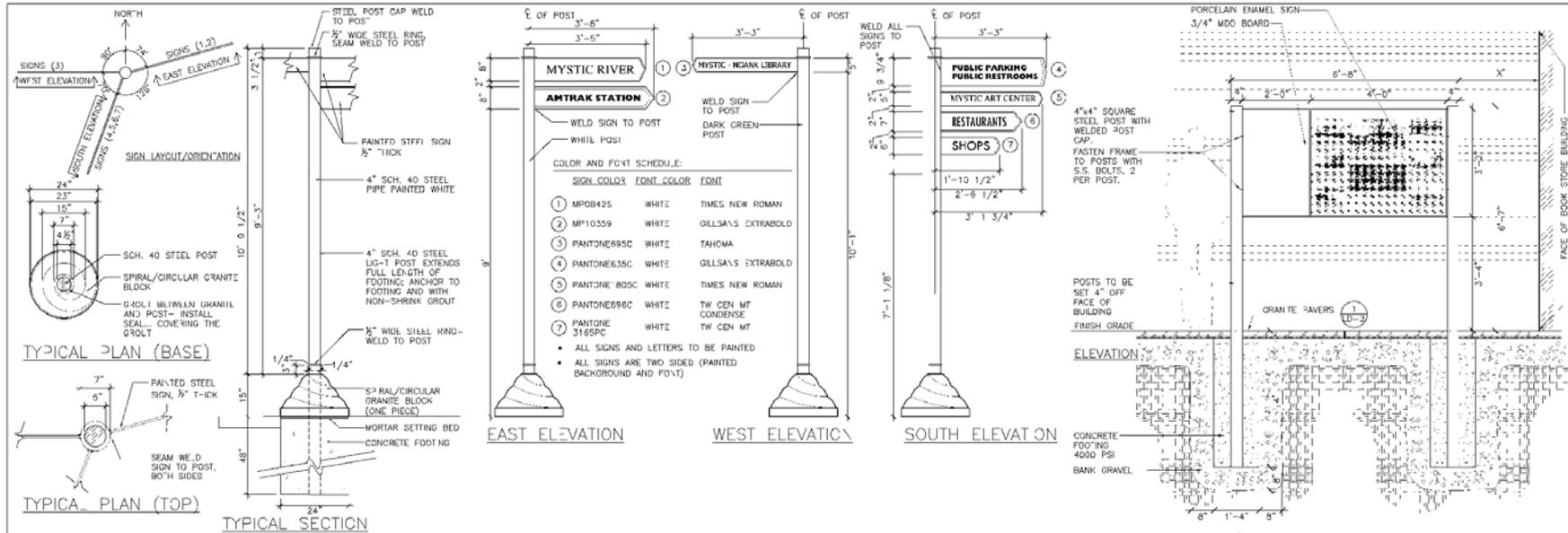
A steam powered railroad bridge on the Mystic River has been replaced twice, once in 1919 and again in 1981.



The Marie Gilbert, c. 1906.

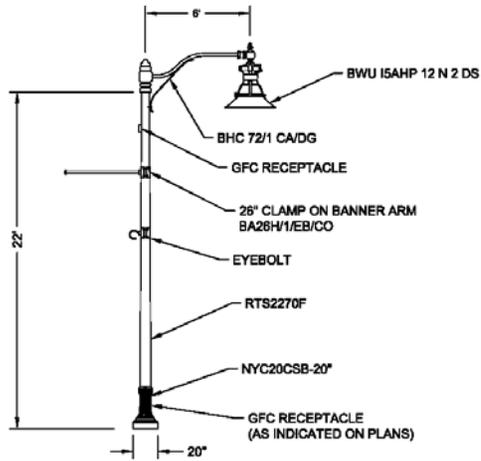
The Marie Gilbert was the first schooner launched by the Gilbert Transportation Company built in Mystic.

Wayfinding Sign

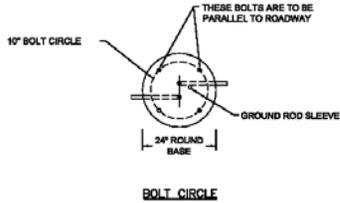


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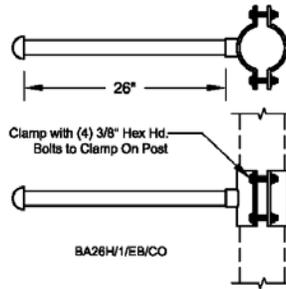
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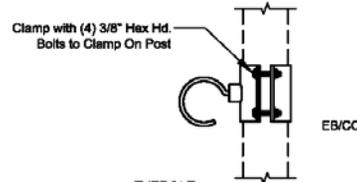
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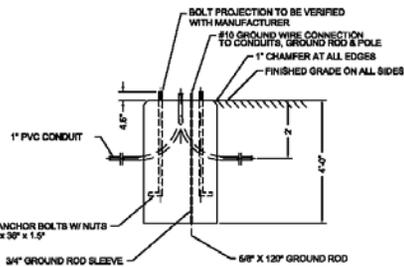
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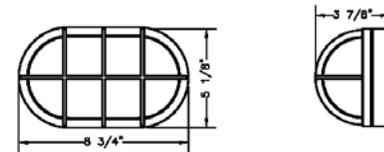


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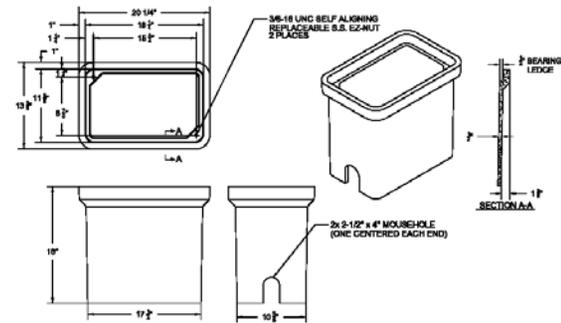
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NOTES:

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2. 120V/277V WARNING BALLAST LOCATED IN LUMINAIRE.
3. (1) 9W OF 049D-2P LAMP
4. LUMINAIRE SUPPLIED WITH POLY DIFFUSER.
5. DARK SPECK FINISH
6. SEE SHEET LD-3 FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS



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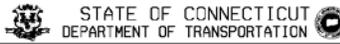


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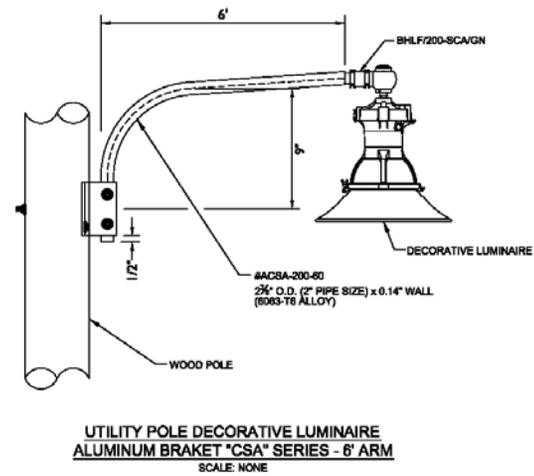
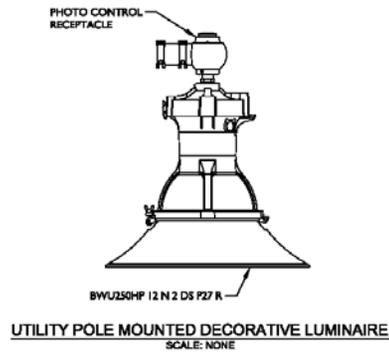


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Water Street Lights



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