Main Street Streetscape Concept

Newtown, CT

Flint Ridge Development LLC



Main Street Favorable Attributes

Borough Center

- Primarily Residential
- Complementary Mix of Commercial Properties
- Strong & Active Borough Community

Cultural Hub of Newtown

- Edmund Town Hall
- Newtown Historical Society
- Meeting House
- C.H. Booth Library

Historically Preserved

- Period Architecture & Setbacks
- Liberty Pole

On-Street Parking

- Convenient & Efficient
- Supports Community Center Function
- Reduces Vehicular Speeds

Pedestrian Enabled Streetscape

- Sidewalk on Both Sides of Street
- Attractive Tree Lawn

Main Street Challenges & Risks

Road Design Prioritizes Vehicles

- Long, Straight & Wide Roadway
 Facilitates High Vehicle Volume At High Rate Of Speed
- Pedestrians At Significant Disadvantage
- Protracted Crosswalk Distances
- Poor Visibility & Illumination Of Crosswalks

Vehicles Run Road Shoulder To Pass

- Increases Safety Concern For Pedestrians
 Attempting to Cross Street
- Increases Risk At Flagpole Intersection

High Vehicular Speeds

- Bifurcates Borough Community...
 Pedestrians Uncomfortable Crossing Street
- Encourages Commuter & Commercial
 Traffic <u>Through</u> The Borough (vs. I-84)
- Negatively Impacts Property Values & Appeal Of Owning Main St Properties

Meeting House

- No Parking
- No Designated Loading Area

Erodes Vitality & Sustainability of Borough Community... Enhancements Needed



Existing ConditionsMain Street, Newtown CT



Proposed Concept Main Street, Newtown CT

Design Objectives:

- Improve Pedestrian Connections & Safety
- Historic Preservation Friendly
- Low Impact



Streetscape Enhancement: Curb Extensions & Refuge Islands

Design Outcomes:

- Channelizes Vehicles & Calms Speeds
- Shortens Pedestrian Crossings
- Improves Pedestrian Visibility & Safety



Streetscape Enhancement: Pedestrian Connectivity

Design Outcome:

- Facilitates Pedestrian Activity
- Reconnects Borough Community
- Improves Viability Of Main Street



Main Street Crosswalks (L to R):

- Newtown Inn (proposed beyond aerial view)
- CH Booth Library (proposed at Curb Extension)
- Meeting House (existing)

- 33 Main Street (existing shifted Northward)
- Newtown Savings Bank (proposed at Curb Extension)
- Edmund Town Hall (existing shifted to Curb Extension)



Streetscape Elements:

High Visibility Crosswalks

Design Features:

- Rectangular Flashing Beacon (activated)
- In-Roadway Warning Lights (activated)
- Median / Refuge Island Reflector



Streetscape Elements:

"Mountable" Medians & Shoulders

Design Outcomes:

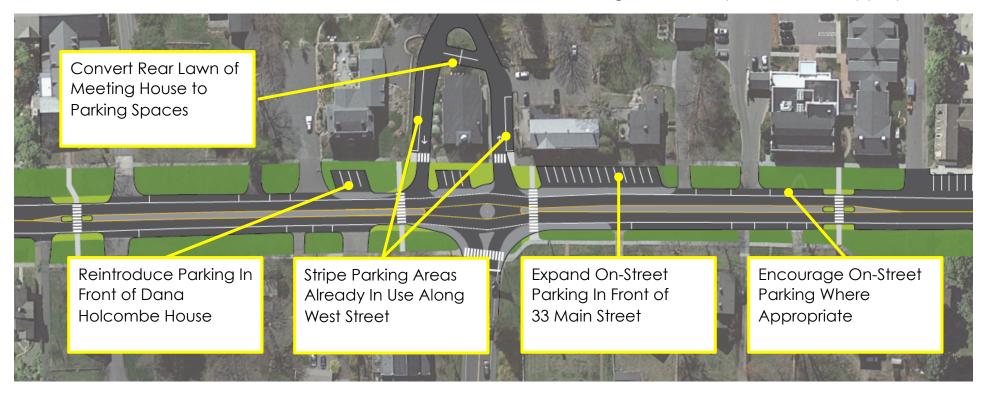
- Channelizes Vehicles & Calms Speeds
- Intersection Mimics Roundabout
- Historic Aesthetic (Cobblestone or Belgian Block)



Streetscape Elements: Meeting House

Design Outcomes:

- More On-Street Parking
- Calms Vehicular Speeds
- "Angled" Pull-in Spaces Where Appropriate



Intersection Alternative Meeting House

Concept A: Parking In Front



Concept B: Loading Area In Front



Appendix: Turning Radiuses Flagpole Intersection

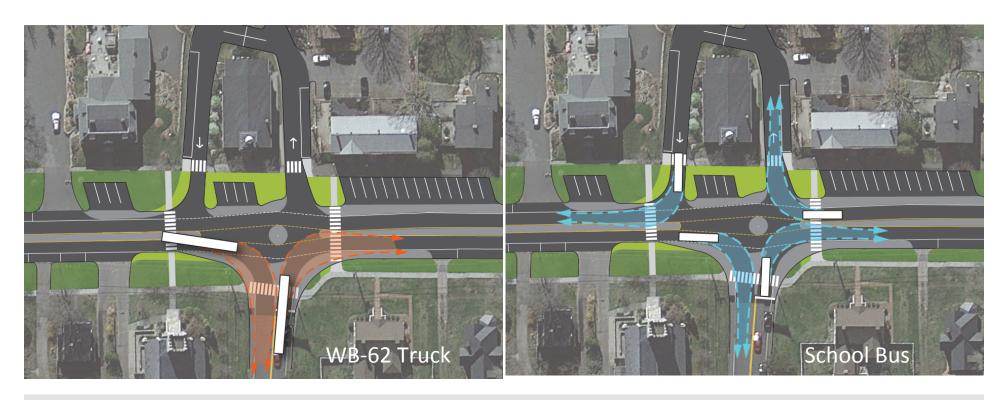


Turning Radiuses Flagpole Intersection





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