

Minutes Layout Committee Meeting 12/18/21

Agreed need to draw out proposals on paper full size so they can be put on railroad for people to consider and alternates proposed. Although we thought we had flip chart paper to use for this, we could not find it – anyone have idea if it is still here?

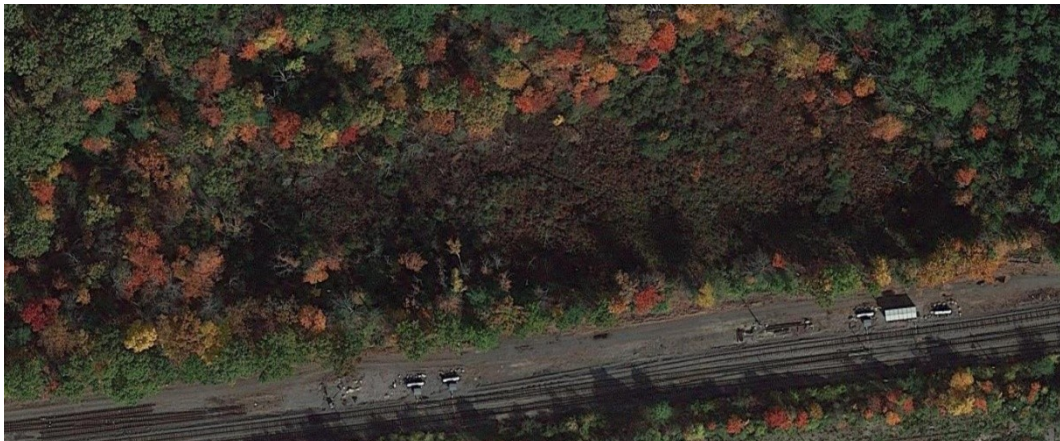
DETAILS BY AREA:

NEM Area west to Willows Road:

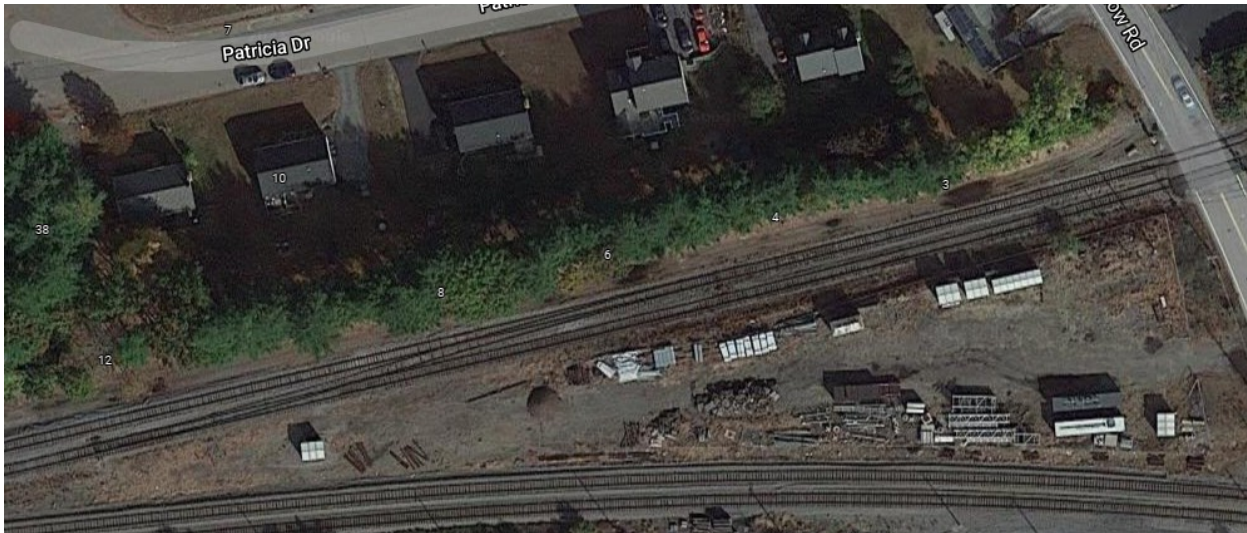
- Agreed to have Martin Brower at corner, built around the end of the backdrop, Silpro on same siding.
- Need to look into curved turnouts on NEM Loop. No 6's are too straight. Larry to check out curved turnouts from Bob McGuire to see if they would work.
- Agreed to do only two tracks Catania - Spagna and use old open configuration for ease in handling derailments. Larry to lay out track after finding correct turnouts. Would be helpful if turnout could be manual, so can't be more than 2 feet from fascia.
- Area where C-S is so close to flat we can model it completely flat, so no problem with rolling cars. So only area needing foam is to the right and behind New England Milling building.
- Discussed without decision idea of having a corner of Vitasoy building with a new siding as if they started getting soybeans by rail. To consider in future meeting after layout of C-S building, track, Silpro building to be sure there is room.

West of Willows Road to Sandy Pond Road:

- Larry proposed to represent the swamp between track and backdrop west of Willows Road to get some visual vertical separation cues.



- Further proposed row of houses between swamp and Willow road as in reality. Larry to get photos.



- Will not represent Snake Hill road as there is not enough room.

- Between swamp and Sandy Pond road in reality there are just trees, with backs of a few houses. Agreed near SP road could have some back of house flats against backdrop to be seen through trees as there are two side streets with turnarounds fairly close.

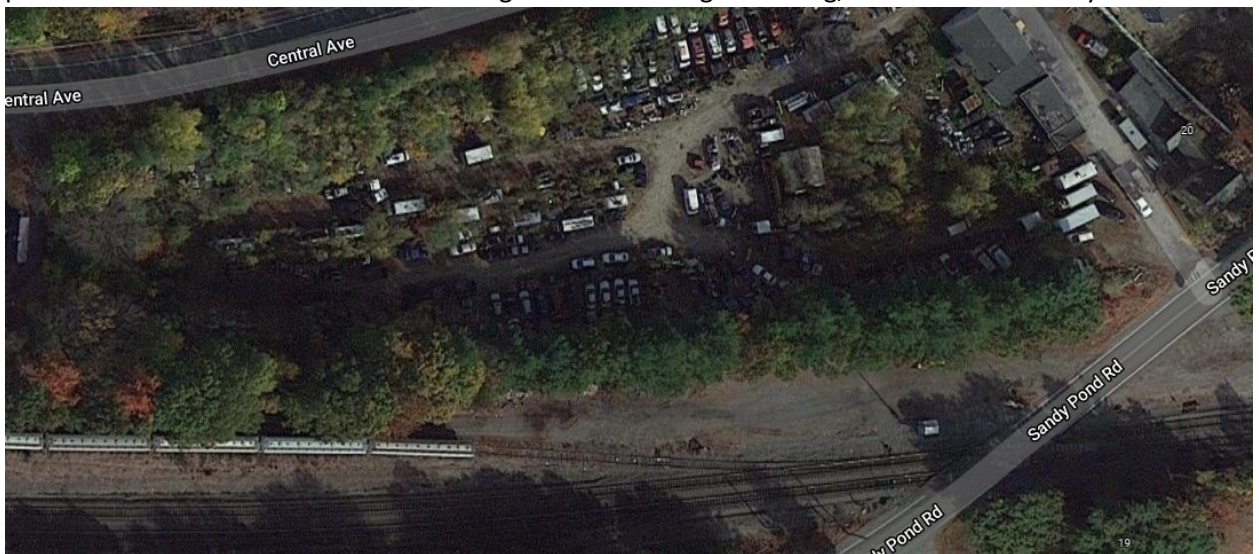


- Will need to have space where old Stony Brook line ran from Ayer to Willows, raised somewhat in places.
- Challenge will be slight raising of landform to be 1-2 feet higher than road bed in some places to get rid of plywood flat look. Larry has black foam core to use for this - like the stuff Wachusett soda plant is made of. Also some on back wall in opposite fiddle yard.
- Must get this done behind track before scenicking in front of track. Larry to do some trials so we can see what it looks like.

- Pepsi - agreed need to have separation between tracks and siding off main so to have room for gentle slope. Pepsi building maybe only an inch or two thick with rise in Plexiglas fascia top to protect it. This leads to possibility of detailing the inside - for consideration later. (Not discussed but Pepsi will have only one siding as there is no room for the two.)

Sandy Pond Road west to Harvard – Groton Road:

- Note Flanagan’s siding only connected to westbound main on east end due to disruption of interlocking if we did that.
- Discussed idea of doing the auto junkyard which is between Flanagan’s siding and road. Could consider a track into it as another industry. Need decision next mtg. Larry to get suite of aerial photos. Could also consider a track leading into it off Flanagan’s siding, as an added industry.



- Cain’s building to be treated the same as Pepsi, thin if any, protected by fascia. Larry to get more aerial photos.
- Did not discuss which of several buildings between junkyard and Harvard – Groton road to represent. Larry to get photos.

We did not discuss west of Harvard - Groton road.