Town of Kent – Streetscape Committee Regular Meeting – May 13, 2017

Present: Rick Osborne, David Bain, Bruce Adams, Mike Everett, Jim Blackketter, Catherine Bachrach, John Casey

The meeting was convened at 8:00 by chairman Mike Everett. The minutes of January 14, 2017 were approved on a motion by Jim Blackketter and second by Mike Everett.

Public Communication: There was none.

Report on Main Street Survey, Main Street Grant and Welcome Center: Bruce reported that a down payment had been made for the survey, basically from the monument to just beyond the railroad tracks but that it had not been completed, pending a decision about its necessity. The Main Street Grant depends on its bonding, perhaps unlikely given the State's financial situation, although Bruce keeps in touch with the responsible state agency. The Welcome Center is on track for opening by Memorial Day.

Road Safety Audit: The final version of the Road Safety Audit has been posted on the Community Connectivity website and includes the few suggested corrections members submitted. Members agreed that we should review its recommendations and schedule a meeting in the fall for public feedback so we can decide how to move forward on its recommendations and/or sidewalk improvements. A subcommittee of Mike Everett, Rick Osborne and Catherine Bachrach will review it and report back further to the full committee.

Maple Street Sidewalk: There was discussion of the sidewalk on Maple Street/Route 341 East in front of the Barns complex, where cobblestone has been laid where the sidewalk crosses the driveways, creating an impediment for any pedestrians with mobility issues and possibly not meeting ADA requirements. Bruce will explore this further with DOT and Planning and Zoning.

There was no further old or new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 on a motion by Jim Blackketter.

Catherine Bachrach, Secretary

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