Town of Kent – Streetscape Committee Regular Meeting – October 13, 2018

Present: John Casey, Rick Osborne, Catherine Bachrach, John Johnson, Jim Blackketter, David Bain, Bruce Adams, Hedy Kinney,

The meeting was convened at 8:05 a.m. by John Casey, in Mike Everett's absence. The minutes of the September 8 meeting were approved on a motion by David Bain and a second by Hedy Kinney. There were no public communications to share.

<u>Discussion of Survey:</u> It was noted that the \$500,000 grant cannot be used for the survey. On a motion by John Johnson and a second by David Bain, the committee voted to request that the Board of Finance advance up to \$25,000 of the \$100,000 in allocated capital funds to be used for the survey. The request will be made at the October 18 BOF meeting and is already on the agenda. (Bruce noted that the grant expires at the end of December, 2019, so the need to move forward is critical.) John will make a presentation at the October 18 meeting about cost estimates and will prepare handouts for the committee members.

September 13 Planning and Zoning Meeting It was noted that after a presentation by John Casey on the Streetscape Master Plan, P and Z unanimously endorsed the project. (As a member of the Streetscape Committee, John Johnson recused himself.) John Casey noted at the P &Z meeting that the Streetscape Committee will go before the Board of Selectmen to request that the proposal go to a Town Meeting.

Main Street Updates: There was discussion of the Mobil station relating to sidewalk access. The removal of the gas tanks is scheduled for this month and will not trigger required changes to the sidewalk/access to the property. Bruce reported that DOT removed the wires from the surplus utility pole at the corner and that after Charter and Eversource remove wires, the pole will be removed. After that removal, DOT will make the ADA improvements to that corner. The Architectural Review Board is involved in reviewing designs for improvements of the Mobil station building.

<u>Presentation to Board of Selectmen:</u> The next BOS meeting is Wednesday, November 7 at 4:30 p.m. – the day after Election Day. John Casey will make the presentation on behalf of the Streetscape Committee and request that the BOS place consideration of the plans on the agenda of the January, 2019 Annual Town Meeting for discussion and approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m. The next scheduled meetings are November 10 and December 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bachrach, Secretary

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