

**Town of Kent – Streetscape Committee
Regular Meeting – January 13, 2018**

Present: David Bain, Bruce Adams, Mike Everett, Catherine Bachrach, John Casey, Jim Blackketter, Also present – Lynn Worthington and Nick MacQuarrie (Rick Osborne was working.)

The meeting was convened at 8:05 a.m. by chairman Mike Everett. The minutes of the December 9, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Jim Blackketter and second by John Casey. There was no public communication. Attached to the agenda was a timeline of the committee's activities since 2010 and its formalization in 2012, including meetings with DOT representatives and visits to other towns.

Mike reported on his presentation at the Selectmen's meeting on 1/2/2018. The committee will present a recommended plan for design, estimated cost and financing to the Selectmen for their approval, which will then go to a Town Meeting. The committee agreed that the proposal to the Selectmen should be for sidewalks and related improvements on Main Street from the monument to The Fife on the west side and from the monument to the Congregational Church on the east side. It is anticipated that the proposed project will be far simpler than the design presented to the town in 2013. There was discussion of issues related to the railroad crossing and agreement that close consultation with DOT on that and other issues will be required.

The committee agreed that safety is the most important consideration, followed by durability. The committee will make strong recommendations on sidewalk surfaces but all agreed that Rick Osborne's recommendation of durable granite curbs make sense. Everyone agreed that a more simple design map be used for public presentation. John Casey reported that he had found an earlier STEAP application with projected costs, which may be helpful. John has had a preliminary conversation with USDA staff to explore the possibility of funding.

Bruce Adams will pursue the survey with Gary Hock. He mentioned that the \$400,000 Community Connectivity grant may still be a possibility and also reported that LED lights will be installed on Main Street in March. There was discussion of long-standing issues about safety for pedestrians at the PATCO corner but agreement that those need to be addressed separately.

Guest Nick MacQuarrie spoke of his recommendation that solar-powered LED lights be considered as part of the plan.

The committee agreed to hold a special meeting on Saturday, January 20 at 9 a.m. to view photos of streetscape projects in other towns. The goal is to put together a plan to present to the Selectmen at their March meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bachrach, Secretary

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