Town of Kent – Streetscape Committee Regular Meeting - March 10, 2018

Present: Mike Everett, John Casey, Rick Osborne, Steve Wolf, Catherine Bachrach, Bruce Adams, John Johnson and Hedy Kinney, guest.

The meeting was convened at 8:05 a.m. by Chairman Mike Everett. John Johnson was officially appointed to the committee by the Board of Selectman at the March 6 meeting and was welcomed by Mike.

The minutes of the March 10 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Rick Osborne and second by John Johnson.

Report on BOS Presentation: All agreed that the presentation was very positive, with a combination of the photo presentation, John Casey's narrative and his presentation of funding options, which John had prepared with Town Treasurer Barbara Herbst's help. The BOS authorized asking the Board of Finance at the March 20 meeting to release \$10,000 from the \$100,000 streetscape allocation to use for the preparation of preliminary plans and estimates of what could be done with \$500,000 and larger amounts.

Report on Informal Club Presentation: Mike, Bruce and John Casey reported on the February 14 presentation, which they described as a 'dress rehearsal' for the BOS presentation. There were 25 to 30 people present and the general response was positive, with a few people holding out for the burial of power lines.

It was agreed that it would be helpful to include a "Streetscape Corner" in Bruce's future monthly e-newsletters to include the status and plans but also items like reminders that folks could get ticketed for parking on crosswalks, etc.

Moving forward: After getting approval for the \$10,000, we can set a tentative date for getting a draft plan from Milone and MacBroom, take the preliminary plan to the BOS with various options/costs (April or May) and ask that they approve taking the plans/options to a Town Meeting, hopefully in June or July. When the BOS acts, we will also request that they (BOS) reconstitute the committee, so it can continue its work. It was suggested that plans be shared with the Town's Architectural Review Board.

Bruce reported that the street survey will be completed when the weather improves and that all 60 street lights in town have been replaced with brighter LED lights. There was discussion of the PATCO corner and a establishing a liaison with DOT; the draft plan will be shared with DOT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 on a motion by John Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bachrach, Secretary

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