Kent Village Center Streetscape Committee

Minutes of Special Meeting Saturday, November 18, 2017

Present: Mike Everett, John Casey, Jim Blackketter, Rick Osborne, Catherine Bachrach

The meeting was opened at 8:05 by Mike Everett, Chairman. He noted that two items were on the agenda – review of the October 19 meeting with Gina Greenalch, Senior DOT Engineer, and setting dates for meetings in 2018.

The committee agreed on the following, as discussed at the October 19 meeting:

Adoption of Streetscape Plan - Shoot for a town-wide information meeting in late February, to be followed by adoption of the plan. We will review the plan and make modifications based on earlier community inputs and meetings;

Striping to prevent parking near crosswalks and in areas where parking strip is too narrow: Rick and Mike will review and recommend locations on a map at the next meeting – near library and wine store crossings and near monument/Route 7 and 341 intersection. The goals are to prevent parking on the sidewalks and to ensure better visibility for pedestrians and drivers approaching crosswalks.

<u>Traffic slowing:</u> To be discussed at town-wide meeting, but committee recommends 25 mph and "Your Speed Signs" at south, north and east entrances to town.

Maple Street sidewalk: Agreement to wait and see how upcoming improvements work out.

<u>Patco Corner:</u> For future discussion. Is marking of a "sidewalk" across driveway possible on the Maple Street side?

Motorcycle parking: Desirable but unclear where it could be located.

Railroad Street: to be discussed further. Elimination of speed bumps recommended.

John offered to work on a power point presentation, to include photos of nearby towns' improved sidewalks.

The committee established the following meeting dates in 2018 – all second Saturdays at 8 a.m.

January 13 February 10 March 10 April 14 May 12 June 9
July 14 August 11 September 8 October 13 November 10 December 8

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 on a motion by John Casey.

Catherine Bachrach, Secretary

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