

Town of Kent – Streetscape Committee
Special Meeting – Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 8 a.m.

Present: Mike Everett, Jim Blackketter, Steve Wolf, Hedy Kinney, John Casey, John Johnson, Catherine Bachrach, Rick Osborne, David Bain and Bruce Adams as well as Mike Doherty of Milone MacBroom.

The meeting was convened at 8:04 by chair Mike Everett

The minutes of the March 10 regular meeting were approved on a motion by Jim B. and second by Steve. Steve was thanked for his contribution of \$10,000 for the updating of the plans and cost estimate for presentation to the Board of Selectman.

Addition of Hedy Kinney to the Committee: On a motion by Jim and second by Steve, the committee voted to request that the BOS expand the size of the committee by one and add Hedy Kinney to its membership.

Review of updated draft of plans as presented by Mike Doherty: Mike walked the group through the updated plans for sidewalk improvements on South and North Main Street, Bridge Street (Route 341) west of the traffic light and Maple Street (Route 341) east of the traffic light. On the east side of Main Street the sidewalks extend from South Commons Road to the Congregational Church crosswalk and on the east side from the current sidewalk end near the Wasabi/Gleason driveway to the Fife 'n Drum.

On Bridge Street, sidewalks go from the traffic light to Elizabeth Street and on Maple Street from the traffic light to Maple Street extension on the north and the Firehouse parking lot on the south. The group discussed the width of sidewalks, their integration with elevations and signage for crosswalks, which Mike will check. Everyone agreed that parking lanes should not be narrowed.

Mike suggested that rather than using a 'soldier course' of brick at the street edge of sidewalks, the edge be 'scored differently.' He will supply photos and mentioned that a vendor he has had contact with is willing to demonstrate. Mike said the cost will be less and there is less maintenance involved. Main Street and Maple Street curbs will be six inches, with lower curbs on Bridge Street, with a rolled granite edge. Mike will contact the Hocks concerning the timing of the survey.

Patco Corner: Bruce shared his understanding of the impact of the change of ownership of the Patco. He will discuss the two month period of closing for tank replacement and upgrades with the new owners, with the hopes that work will start in November rather than October. The group discussed the possibility that the corner can/will be reconfigured. Bruce will have a conversation with DOT supervisor Gina Greenalch. Planning and Zoning and the Architectural Review Board will be involved in any changes.

Where do we go from here? Mike Doherty will update the plans and provide estimates in increments from \$600,000 and up for presentation to the BOS. Bruce will update the BOS at the May 1 meeting. The final plan will also include plans for lighting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bachrach, Secretary

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