

**Town of Kent – Streetscape Committee
Special Meeting – June 18, 2018**

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

The meeting was convened at 8:04 a.m. by Chairman Mike Everett. The minutes of the May 12 meeting were approved on a motion by John Casey and second by Jim Blackketter.

Public Communication: John Casey reported on the recent ZBA meeting at which the Mobil station was on the agenda. The engineer for Mobil was alerted to the work of the Streetscape Committee. . The diesel tank is being moved to avoid trucks coming under the canopy and there will be landscaping needs. All present agreed that closing the entrance/exit closest to Route 7 on the Maple Street/Route 341 side would address some of the safety concerns for pedestrians on that sidewalk. DOT and Donna Hayes will be involved in any conversations with the owner and/or engineer.

Bruce reported on the DOT work at crosswalks on Route 7 and at the traffic light corner. There was no advance warning of this work, which is “all about ADA compliance” and is federally mandated. Bruce spoke with the DOT engineer, who estimated that the work would save the Town about \$70,000 to \$80,000 in future costs. The work is supposed to be completed within a week. Bruce will mention in his July newsletter that this is a DOT project not connected to the Streetscape plans. Rick will contact Eversource about removal of unnecessary utility poles. Bruce made a list of questions he will ask of DOT personnel in the next few days, starting with supervising engineer Gina Greenalch.

Review of Updated Plans: John Casey reported on recent contact with Milone MacBroom, who said that there is a cost savings to doing the entire project all at once. Their numbers are the “best scenario.” There would be a \$45,000 savings by removing six street lights. There was also discussion of possibly removing the lights north of The Fife on the west side, which is all residential, as well as of putting conduits in for the six lights closest to the monument. There was also discussion of the north side of Maple Street near the end of that proposed sidewalk and a consensus that it would be helpful to talk to those property owners about parking needs.

Presentation to BOS: The current hope is to bring the plan to the Selectman at their July meeting, which will probably take place in mid-July due to vacation schedules and then to select two dates in September for an informational meeting and approval for funding, with a two week interval between the meetings. USDA has publications requirements as part of its loan package. The need for approval from ZBA, DOT were discussed. For the ZBA, the question would be whether the project conforms with the Town Plan of Development.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 14. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 on a motion by Jim Blackketter.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bachrach, Secretary

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