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Board of Selectmen
Regular Meeting

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6:00 P.M.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WZSBq2stMJI>

Jean Speck, Rufus deRham and Glenn Sanchez.

Also present:

Catherine Bachrach, Dan Bolognani, Joanne Borduas, Darlene Brady, John Casey, Zanne Charity, Melissa Cherniske, Bonnie Donzella, Mike Gawel, Leila Hawken, Donna Hayes, Barbara Herbst, Alice Hicks, John Johnson, Caitlyn Lynch, Adam Manes, Connie Manes, Rick Osborne, Elissa Potts, Gorge Potts, and Lynn Worthington.

Call the meeting to order:

Jean Speck called this regular meeting of the Board of selectmen to order on March 17th.

Jean Speck:

- Just a couple of quick housekeeping items we have a big agenda tonight and appreciate everybody's patience as we flow through the business of the board of selectmen as a public service reminder.
- These meetings are open to the public.
- However, they are not town meetings.
- There will be time on the agenda for public comment.
- To start us off I'd like to move a couple of things around on the agenda.

Jean Speck made a motion to move items six which is the treasurer's report to the top of the agenda. Rufus deRham seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jean Speck made a motion to add an item 3.3 to correspondence memo from Donna Hayes Land Use Administrator regarding the approval of capital plan. Glenn Sanchez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jean Speck made another motion to move items 7.6 Western New England Greenway up just after items 7.1, second on that. Rufus deRham seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

Barbara Herbst:

- Thank you, sorry.
- But thank you for accommodating me because I do have another meeting.
- I'm not in Kent today.
- I don't have a formal report, like I normally give I've been a little busy, as you know, working on budget stuff with you and doing other ARPA things, etc.
- But I did want to talk to everybody tonight and just give a quick update on the streetscape phase two project.
- I reached out to bond Council a question came up in the streetscape committee phase one group and that prompted me to reach out to bond Council to talk to him about the funding appropriation that we have in place.
- The bottom line is that we just need to do a couple of housekeeping things to formally recognize both the projects as two separate projects.
- There's going to be two things that are going to happen:
 - One is going to be a resolution that gets passed at the next Board of Selectmen regular meeting which bond Council will provide and that will formally recognize the current funding resolution that we have in place designated for phase one.
 - When we have our town meeting in May, the budget town meeting, we can also include on that agenda for that call of the town meeting. A formal resolution to recognize phase two of the streetscape project and that will untangle the two projects and the funding mechanisms for both. The cost to the taxpayers isn't going to change in any way it's just a formal housekeeping process to recognize the two projects individually.
- I just wanted to make sure I got that information out.
- I just learned it today and let everybody know that this is going to be coming, are there any questions.

Approval of Minutes:

Jean Speck made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 17 Regular, February 17 Special, February 23rd Special, March 2nd Special and March 3rd Regular meetings, including any suggested edits. Rufus deRham seconded the motion.

Glenn Sanchez:

- I've got some edits for these.
- It has it has when we were talking about KCS ball fields actually says KSC.
- Then there is another minor correction here, it is the March 2 Special meeting march 2 and when we were talking about land use that has Donna Hayes and it says ZBA and

then, it says we usually don't get a lot of applications for is the ppa so just to just to make that consistent that should be ZBA.

- In the same minutes when that winter speaks it just says with regards to the, to the printing lines so to the is stated twice.
- Lastly, just for clarification, the February 17 Regular meeting when we were talking about I believe the Swift House and in June, you just mentioned how you spoke with town council today and his advice was not to advertise it as a rental property at this time until the building is Ada compliance, so there were there were no minutes to that either email or conversation that you had so I don't know if that should that should be somewhere or what should happen with that, but to the point of clarification. But that wasn't just that I believe the Joe manly letter was at least I printed something but I hadn't seen anything from town council.

Jean Speck:

- Right, it was because it was probably a phone call.
- If I said I see if it says, I spoke to him it's because it was a phone call okay.

Rufus deRham:

- On the March 8 minutes, page five, the last lines, I think I was the one, not Jean, I was the one who said that both Glenn and I are available on Monday the 14th.
- On the February 17 regular meeting, page six and the town hall large meeting room video conferencing system Glenn it says "the Glenn said, if there was an asked made", made no sense to me.
- I'm and also on that meeting, I made a statement that I would not support the disbanding of the Swift House Committee, and that was not included in the Minutes.
- Page four, should have been I had no problem with.

Jean Speck all those in favor all three voted yes and the motion carried.

Rufus deRham: All right.

Correspondences:

Jean Speck:

- March 9th email from Mr. Robert Mellis regarding South Commons, attached, regarding the issues with drainage that is happening in various places.
 - I spoke with Jared today Park and Rec who also received an email from Mr. Mellis back on February 23 and the topic was an agenda item at their March 7 meeting where they discussed that issue at some length.
- March 11th email from Jean-Marie Horovitz, EV car charging station, attached, she is looking for an update.

- In October of 2018, the then selectman Chris Garrity made a motion that's in the Minutes, to keep the electric car charging station until it is no longer available that motion was passed unanimously by that board.
- That was three and a half years ago and, as we all know, the world has changed in just three and a half years as very recently, the on the road route, seven out here from the Kent/New Milford border all the way up to the MA border was designated as an alternative fuel quarter by federal highway administration this spring this, they are in accordance with a nationwide plan, they are looking to create a nationwide network of half million EV chargers by 2030, and that is to hopefully head towards a goal of net zero emissions by transfer that's related to transport transportation by 2050.
- In that spirit, I would like to make a motion that we rescind the previous motion made on October 2 2018 which stated that the town keep the electric charging station until it is not no longer operable. I will be making follow up motion after this one.

Rufus deRham:

- It is no longer operable.

Jean Speck:

- Nope there's one side is
- But I need a second to get to discussion for this motion.

Glenn Sanchez seconded the motion.

Jean Speck:

- One side, on the side that is closer to route 7, is no longer working.
- The one that's on the backside does work.
- You have to plug the plug into your vehicle and press the button.

Rufus deRham:

- Jean, I don't know why you're rescinding a motion from a board that we were not a part of. They made the motion, we could make a new motion to negate it, but I don't think we should be rescinding a motion from another board.

Jean Speck:

- I did do some research and there are three options in this case,
 - One is to reconsider which you need the people who, at least some of the people who passed that original motion, so we can't do that.
 - We can amend, something that was adopted, again, you need people from that voted on it,
 - Or you can rescind it, which is the proper Robert's Rules way to go.

Glenn Sanchez:

- This is not on new business and I'm not ready to wrap my brain around EV chargers here I think I've got a lot of questions about all of this.
- Could we talk about this, the next meeting, since this is a very long meeting?

Rufus deRham:

- I mean this was just correspondence.

Jean Speck:

- If you don't want to take any action, I'll rescind my motion and we will take no action and leave that motion in place.

Public Comment:

Donna Hayes:

- Are you going to do 3.3 before you move on to 4?

Jean Speck:

- I apologize okay.
- We'll finish this out and then we'll come back.
- I'm trying a new format to keep us moving a little bit more expediently, so thanks for bearing with me.

March 17, 2022 memo from Donna Hayes.

Donna Hayes:

- Every year the board of finance presents the capital plan to the planning and zoning commission for approval under state general statute eight dash two four which states that anytime and municipality is going to be doing any work it has to go through the planning and zoning commission to compare it to the Plan of Conservation and Development and part of that is the capital plan. The planning and zoning commission at its last meeting last week reviewed the capital plan, and they have approved it.
- Historically we always got the capital Plan after the capital plan had been approved.
- Over the past couple of years, the process has changed a little bit so now the motion that the planning and zoning commission makes is that, if there are any changes to the capital planning should come back to the planning and zoning Commission so that they can review it again.
- The other thing that we were advised by our planner to put in that letter or memo was the importance of maintaining the roads, on an as needed basis, instead of using the money that's in the capital plan as kind of a buffer to remove when you need to lower the costs because, ultimately, if you don't maintain the roadway and in our planner actually had numbers to reinforce this is if the longer you let them deteriorate, the more expensive, they are to repair so we're just kind of pitching in and hoping that Rick won't

get any of his numbers cut, because in the long run it's just going to cost more so that's the long winded short answer.

Rufus deRham:

- Thank you, Donna.

Tax Refunds:

Rufus deRham made a motion to approve the tax refunds. Jean Speck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Joanne Borduas from Community Health and Wellness Center regarding their mobile care unit:

Joanne Borduas:

- Thank you all so much for giving me some time on your very busy agenda tonight.
- I know that I had passed along some talking points for this evening, attached.
- In the interest in respect of your time I'll kind of jump right into what I've been asked to present to you this evening, which is really services for Community Health and Wellness Center through our mobile medical unit.
- I am the CEO for Community Health and Wellness Center.
- I've been with the Organization for seven years, this March.
- This November will be marking our 20-year anniversary for the health center.
- With regards to our mobile medical unit, we have been talking about what we're doing in other towns in the Northwest corner.
- I'm sure you are all as familiar with the need for access to primary health care services, which is lacking in many of the towns in the Northwest corner and realizing that that is an issue that is critical need now, but will reach even more criticality in the next couple of years as physicians in the area, continue to retire.
- We, in addition to planning for a more permanent solution last year with some grant funds that we had available and understanding the need both in our Torrington and Winsted offices and again trying to help with access to primary care in the Northwest corner elected to purchase a mobile medical unit.
- That unit allows us to do right now is to basically take our clinic on the road.
- We have made some arrangements already with some commitments to various towns in the Northwest corner.
- The mobile unit is outfitted so that we can act like an exam room, do most primary care things in the back of the van so, for example, physical screenings, immunizations, blood pressures, we can order lab work and depending on where we're located, even do things like order specimens, as long as we have restrooms available for folks.
- It is a way for us to take access to quality and affordable care on the road, realizing that this is not a permanent solution to the critical need again for establishing a more permanent access to primary health here in the Northwest corner.

- As we work toward establishing a Center in the North Canaan area, which would be located on Main Street, realizing that is still some distance from Kent and other surrounding towns.
- This is a way that we can in the interim start to provide some of that critical access, and so we call our mobile unit Betty affectionately, and that means bringing exceptional treatment to you.
- That unit has now been out on the road for about six months.
- In the time period from November to about the end of February, we really had been requested and concentrating on doing Covid testing and Covid vaccines.
- Since we started, we have seen about 200 patients on the mobile unit and again, not a permanent solution by any means, but at least something that we can help contribute to beginning to have folks gain access, where there are little resources for that.
- We launched in North Canaan today.
- We are speaking to the Town of Cornwall, in addition to you folks in Kent and it leaves us basically one more day up for grabs for folks that are interested in reaching out to us.
- While we work toward that more permanent solution to provide access to all of the Northwest corner, Betty will be at least be an option, something that we can use for folks that are having difficulty accessing primary care today.
- Again, it's a one stop model for us where the focus on making primary care accessible convenient and a one stop model for patients.
- As we look at the need in the northwest corner and so certainly something that we can continue to provide access for those folks who are living at or below poverty levels, but the greater need is really to just get primary access to an area of the state where, again, it will reach a critical need in the next two years, so, in a nutshell that's a little bit about us and Betty.
- I'm happy to take any questions if there are any.
- Betty is a type of ambulance, so there's actually lots of room back there there's a bench that we can have folks laying down in there are units on the wall that will allow us to do, as I said, most things that we can do in a typical exam room.
- We deliver our care with family nurse practitioners or family medicine MDS, and so we have the ability to offer a pediatric services on the mobile unit.
- We have a medical team established right now, our current mid-level provider can see children, I believe, 14 and up, so the younger population, as we start to establish need, for we can make arrangements for other providers that can see birth to death.
- Basically, to be able to provide that pediatric service we have specifically one pediatric a PRN who has 45 years of experience, who is now currently serving our school-based health centers.
- But one school is out, she will have from June to September to also be an adjunct mobile medical unit team member so that, as we start to determine need for pediatric services with Betty. We certainly will have the availability to do that.

Jean Speck:

- We are working through the logistics of location to make sure that they're appropriate for the people who would be using Betty.

Joanne Borduas:

- We have been welcomed with open arms.
- North Canaan was just thrilled and excited for us to be there in some form or fashion, and that has really been most of the feedback that we get.
- Again, ideally, not a permanent solution for permanent medical care.
- There's a lot of work to be done in order for us to be looking at how we establish permanent care and so that all of the surrounding towns have access.
- We all know that there is not enough primary care and probably a major lack of providers with that concern growing over the next couple years.
- We have a lot of folks at the government level to convince that that's true and what that does for us is once you get a designation for primary care, there is a mental health.
- To be able to recruit providers which we know is also a really big issue in the rural parts of the state, we can do things that some other organizations are not able to do to bring those folks in, and you know, or even keep existing providers local who may be traveling because they're not a lot of options locally so one of the things we're going to be trying to do.
- We've been parking in locations where we have the ability to register and keep folks waiting inside and then, for the physical part of their visit they come into the back of the van which is usually toasty warm but the weather is now hopefully warming up and we're hopefully done with winter, and that should make things a little easier.

Jean Speck:

- I think there is a little bit of a bonus and timing, as far as not being able to get this up and running as quickly as we had hoped.
- Primary care is the next obvious piece to get into place, so I hope that we'll be hearing more from you.
- What if someone can't pay what if somebody doesn't have health insurance and they can't pay.

Joanne Borduas:

- We work on a sliding scale discount fee.
- So, if someone comes and need services we turn no one away, we take all insurances, uninsured or those folks at poverty level, we take commercial insurance, we take Medicare, we take Medicaid and if someone does come and says, I'm not insured or I can't pay for these services, we do work with a sliding scale that offers them either discounted services or we work with them to get financial assistance plans in place, but we will not turn anyone away, regardless of their ability to pay, and we will work with those folks to make sure that we get them what they have a right to receive, which is quality healthcare.

Glenn Sanchez:

- So, whether it's a Sharon or New Canaan how many people are you serving?
- How often are you there in town, is it certain days, how many days a week?

Joanne Borduas:

- We started and share, and that was our first location and we started back in November.
- We've seen to date about 200 folks.
- Most of that between November and the end of February for vaccines and testing, but we have seen a good percent of patients for just physical primary care as well.
- We're there one day a week, right now, the time of day really depends on working with folks to say what do you think will work best here, based on the need.
- For Sharon, for example, we opted to do some morning hours, the staff breaks for lunch and then does afternoon so that we make sure we try to provide access to everyone.
- We're there one day a week right now and again, those things can be reevaluated as a demand grows.
- Today was actually our first day and North Canaan and, for example, we selected Thursdays, because we're parked at the Pilgrim House where they were able to offer us again that indoor space, the restroom and it just happens on Thursdays, they have their Fishes and Loaves pantry operating and so today, we saw about six folks there on our first day, which is pretty good.
- How that will work in the future is, for example, if we were to come to Kent and were parked in our location typically the first month or more, maybe two months would be folks walking in and then we would start to see individuals start to schedule follow up appointments for the next time we're there.
- As that demand grows, then we could reevaluate, you know as for hours, we need to add hours, but initially the first couple of months will probably just be walk up access.

Rufus deRham:

- In terms of continuity of care, if you came to town and Glenn walked into see you and then two days later there's something going on and Glenn feels he needs to get a hold of his primary care person, how do you deal with when you're not in town continuity of care.

Joanne Borduas:

- That's an excellent question, because of course that's first and foremost, on top of mind when you're doing something like this in terms of how do you provide that continuity, without allowing for gaps in care.
- The mobile unit is connected to all of our internal workings, if you will, in our Torrington location so we're connected to an EMR.
- It would be just as if Glenn came to the office, we have all full documentation on what happened to him yesterday when we saw him and if he causes today and says I'm really

not feeling, well, we could remotely pull up Glenn's record. The provider can get on the phone and say what's going on today, Glenn?

- If we come up with a date, it could be possible that, for example, we're in the area and we have someone that reaches out to us, we can say you know will be over, can you meet us there at two o'clock.
- If that's not possible, the way we would maintain that and make sure that Glenn received what he needed is to call, as if you were calling our own office, and we would reach out to you, we would say what's happening today, and we would connect you to your provider that saw you that day, or if that person is not available, because our record is integrated.
- Somebody would look up what happened yesterday with Glenn and how can we help you today and try and work out with Glenn the best way to take care of his needs.
- A bill was passed last year that continues to allow for us to be able to do your visit with just over the telephone.

Jean Speck:

- We have an extremely engaged Community when it comes to advocacy and especially for healthcare for everyone and primary care.
- I'm looking forward to continuing this conversation and having you on another agenda.
- What do you need from us to move forward?
- We need to work out the logistics of where it would be.
- We'll keep moving forward and because this is no cost to the town.
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Joanne Borduas:

- What I would need for us to you know if you guys say yes, we want to do this is to start working with you or whomever you designate to say let's look at options for a place for us to park.
- And then we can get to talking about the time of day, I believe that, right now, based on the prior commitments that Mondays are the day that are actually available to come to Kent and if that doesn't work, we can kind of go back to the drawing board and see what else we can do.
- But Mondays looks like the day that we can completely dedicate to you all.
- And then just to keep in mind what we've done in some other towns, we're in one location for the morning and a different location for the afternoon, again per their recommendation just to make access a little bit easier, so that is also something we can consider for you.

Jean Speck I'm going to make a motion that I just wrote:

To have the First Selectman continue to work with the Community Health and Wellness on logistics to bring the Betty program to Kent.

Glenn Sanchez seconded the motion.

Jean Speck:

- We'll keep this as a standing item on our agenda, as we move through this sort of implementation process.

Jean Speck all those in favor of the motion, all three selectmen voted yes and the motion carried.

Western New England Greenway Roadway, U.S. Bicycle Route 7 – Kent segment signage program and MOU by Dan Bolognani, Executive Director, Upper Housatonic alley Heritage Area:

Dan Bolognani - Housatonic Heritage:

- I am the Executive Director of the National Heritage Area.
- We are in a partnership program of the National Park service that serves the headwaters of the Housatonic River.
- Back in 2010 a group of volunteers in the area put together a bicycling route that basically connected Norwalk, Connecticut with the Canadian border.
- It sneaks its way through Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont basically following the inside of the state board or the western part.
- One question most part of those three states over the years, they further developed that program, with the assistance of the National Park service and natural heritage area into what's called the Western New England Greenway that it connects two very important national bank ways.
- One is East Coast Greenway that runs from Maine to Key West Florida, and the other route, very few, which is in Canada, so it begins at the international border and goes into Montreal, and continues on, so the Western New England Greenway connects those two very important cycling roots. It's predominantly a road cycling, 80 plus percent of it is on road, so this is for experienced long-distance cyclists and that's the target audience for this project it's, as I said, it's been about 12 years now since the program was first started.
- The target audience for this type of cycling route, as I said, our long-distance cyclists who carry a lot with them, they tend to stay at hotels, eat at restaurants, shopping coffee shops and convenience stores because they are they're packing it for the long haul.
- Roughly six years ago, the communities that the Western New England Greenway goes through the in all three states Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont, all considered elevating the Western New England Greenway to a system of bicycling routes called US Bicycling Routes and Municipalities in Connecticut.
- Twelve of them got together and in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Transportation lobbied AASHTO, which is the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials, they are the governing bodies that regulate things like road surfaces, roadway signs, etc.

- In the other municipalities in Connecticut, lobbied to designate this as a US Bicycle Route it was henceforth designated US Bike Route Seven.
- The National Heritage Area continue to support the development of US Bike Route Seven and just this past year we put out an R.F.P. for roadway signs.
- We were successful, we have a vendor in Illinois that it's going to provide standard uniform traffic control signs designed specifically for us.
- So, what we've done is proposed that, first of all that we, the National Heritage Area use our federal grants to purchase roadway signs for each of the communities in Connecticut and have them agree to sign on as a US Bike Route Seven Community.
- We've offered each of the 12 towns in Connecticut all the walkway signs that they would need.
- As the route progresses through their town.
- I forwarded Jean, a sort of a basic outline of what that looks like.
- We will buy and deliver the signs.
- We ask that your DPW or highway crew install the signs and that we will, if you ever break one lose one, one gets run over just give us a call we'll deliver a new one.
- They cost roughly and \$90 or \$100 between the post, the signs and the hardware, but we're ponying up enough money to install, by the way, science, all the way from Norwalk to the border between Sheffield Massachusetts.
- If you have signs in the state highway right of way the municipality would need to file an encroachment permit for state highway right away signs.
- We, the National Heritage Area will then hire a qualified contractor to install them on state highways.
- Obviously, we're trying to get the signs installed from the MA boarder, all the way to Norwalk and so we're starting here in Litchfield County with the municipalities.
- That's the spiel.
- The route in Kent Route 7 from Cornwall, to the Center of Camp Road, turns right at 341 out towards Kent School and then head South on to Schaghticoke Road

Mike Gawel:

- Is this already designated and this is happening, whether we put the signs up or not?

Dan Bolognani - Housatonic Heritage:

- Yes, it actually happened in 2016.

Mike Gawel:

- Okay does anybody realized how narrow that road is?
- Does anybody realized that when you're trying to drive there with a truck and trailer, like a construction person, might be how difficult to get by bicyclers who won't get in a single file?

Dan Bolognani - Housatonic Heritage:

- Yeah, it's among the worst sections of the entire greenway between here and Montreal.
- The proposal is as soon as we're able to and there's some technicality to getting through the federal lands on the west side of the Housatonic River, but there is the alternative, the problem is once you hit Sharon, The National Park service has federal lands there for the Appalachian Trail where no wheeled vehicles are allowed.
- There was an easement made for emergency vehicles to access which would allow wheeled vehicles, but we know that the alignment on route seven is not ideal.
- That is understood, but there was no other suitable alignment available to us at the time the application was made.
- We're anticipating that that will be changed in the future.

Glenn Sanchez:

- The 18 signs were talking about, nine north pointing and nine self-pointing is what I saw on that screen.

Dan Bolognani - Housatonic Heritage:

- Yeah, I don't have it up in front of me, but that could be correct.

Rufus deRham:

- Thank you, Dan that was interesting.

Jean Speck:

- We should take some action on this, so we can adopt the sign agreement that is in the shared folder.
- Rick, I know that you've done plenty of encroachment permits for signs.
- Are there any barriers or challenges that you see as far as implementing this proposal?

Rick Osborne:

- No.
- Are there other towns where you're using dirt roads also?

Dan Bolognani - Housatonic Heritage:

- Yes, yeah pretty much in every town.

Lynn Harrington:

- Comment in the chat: I'm not thrilled with encouraging more by bicyclist on Route 7.

Jean Speck:

- I think the signs are going to be pretty unremarkable along our roadways.
- There is a roadway sign agreement in the shared folder.

Jean Speck made a motion that the town, adopt the Housatonic Valley Heritage Area Municipal Roadway sign agreement. Rufus deRham seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Streetscape Committee recommendation on contractor and material:

Mike Gawel:

- I couldn't help but see that word got out because there were several people at our last committee meeting and I couldn't help but notice that there have been some emails directed to the board of selectmen for this meeting.
- Which is all good.
- My question to you, before I get started, is are they one of my questions are they going to be read out loud or they're going to be posted.

Jean Speck:

- As of about 4:00 p.m. there were a little more than 150 of them.
- So out of respect for this meeting and everyone's time, we will not read each and every one of them, but they are in the public meeting folder.
- I am not planning to read any of them.

Mike Gawel:

- The reason I asked is because, if any of them are going to be read, I would rather have them read before I present my recommendations.
- I could answer, or you know remark on any of those because I've noticed that many of them are negative towards our recommendations and I and I feel that I'm a kind of a little red dot in a big blue ocean at this point.
- I just want to be able to have a chance to remark and comment on those who are remarketing and commenting on the recommendations.

Rufus deRham:

- I think all those letters, Mike are sort of outside of the purview of the recommendation of the Streetscape Committee.
- Any recommendation and decide what whether we're taking public input that way, or whether we talked to the committee about possibly putting a survey together.

Mike Gawel:

- I guess, we can discuss that after I present or recommendations.
- I have a little thing I'd like to say, before I start with
- I was actually four years now for of the current six members of this committee, being me, Rick Osborne, Jack Nelson and John Johnson.
- Ed Matson has been a member for the last two years and has been a member since November, I believe Jack Nelson and I were asked by the former First Selectman Bruce because between us we have somewhere around and maybe a little more than 100 years of experience together in excavating and concrete.

- I know that Rick is a town employee, that's the main reason he's on it.
- John has been involved with it for even longer than the four years.
- I've been pouring concrete for 35 years.
- I know concrete.
- I poured thousands of yards of it.
- I'm not an amateur. I'm not guessing.
- I have experienced that not many people around here have as far as installing concrete.
- Consulting in it, because it's different than installing it.
- Installing it, you a better understanding of how it works.
- With that said, here are some of the facts that our committee openly discuss the pros and cons and using asphalt versus concrete sidewalk materials.
- Safety and longevity:
 - We chose safety as our first and foremost importance of it.
 - As well as a darker service and absorbs the heat from the sun.
 - Causing the snow and ice to melt at a much quicker rate than concrete.
 - Asphalt is a more flexible pavement.
 - No construction joints are needed.
 - The two guarantees of concrete are that the color is gray, and it always cracks.
 - That makes a big difference, so when the concrete cracks it is prone to the shifting due to the due to the different weather elements.
 - We get the frost heaving and the shifting and melting and freezing again concrete has much more tendency to shift.
 - I've seen that done.
 - I've seen it ground down to make it a little smoother but facts are facts.
 - In this town salt is generously apply to our sidewalks in town and in order to control the winter conditions.
 - Rock salt accelerates the deterioration of concrete.
 - Asphalt is not affected by the rock salt.
 - Therefore, it certainly helps with the longevity and functionality.
 - There is not much difference, asphalt is somewhat smoother and there are no construction sites, other than that there's not a whole lot difference in the functionality, they both work they both are ADA compliant.
 - Longevity of concrete has a longer life expectancy.
 - It is a financial, a well-known fact, concrete 20-years plus or minus and asphalt 15-years plus or minus as per the sidewalk design.
 - We're not pulling these numbers from the air these were given to us to work with.
- Costs:

- As per the streetscape project lowest bid from Mather Corporation, the project costs for the concrete will be approximately \$525,500 and deduct \$255,918 for asphalt.
 - According to their bid that that makes the asphalt approximately \$266 632.
 - When you want to figure the value, the value is the longevity or the cost divided by the longevity and you get the cost per year.
 - Pretty simple math.
 - Value engineering for concrete is \$26,725 per year that's the approximate cost of the concrete.
 - Value engineering for asphalt is \$17,975 per year, that's the approximate cost of the asphalt.
 - It is by no means a patch for a temporary fix.
 - This proves to me, and it should prove to anyone else, that the better value.
 - As repairs go, contrary to certain literature I've read recently on the website, asphalt is much less costly than concrete is to repair.
- Getting on to our recommendations:
 - Our first recommendation to the BoS:
 - Is to accept the bid from Mather Corporation, as they were the low bidder and they also were the only, according to Mike Doherty, the only one of the three bidders who had a complete bit package, and they were certainly qualified and capable of doing the job.
 - The second recommendation to the BoS:
 - Is that we think that blacktop (asphalt) should be the material used for the sidewalks we cannot use the black tops on the ramps because that is ADA, it is a state recommendation for those steeper ramps to be concrete.
 - The third recommendation to the BoS:
 - I understand that they were hoping to have Rick trying overseeing the project and Rick even admitted during our last committee meeting that the paperwork is something he wouldn't be able to do and his time. He's got a lot on his plate as everybody knows, so our third recommendation would be:
 - For the BoS to look into maybe a retired engineer and hiring them as either a subcontractor or a temporary employee to overseeing the project and submit all the necessary paperwork that is needed, especially for the grants and you really do need somebody to there to make sure that the proper basis in place and the proper thickness of the materials are taken care of no matter what you decide.
 - Those are our three recommendations.
 - The facts that I've stated, are the reasons we came up with our recommendations.

- One more thing that is more of an opinion, rather than a fact, well it's just as much fact as opinion, I did not see or find or believe that asphalt degrades equality and character of our town.
- As for my 61 years that's all we've had so putting blacktop is not degrading the town.
- Putting blacktop is not being cheap.
- Putting blacktop is being financially smart and financially knowledgeable of the value of the product.
- It has nothing to do with being cheap.
- How can you say that your defacing our town, when you would be putting in the same product that has existed for pretty much my whole life of 60 plus years.
- Jean, if you could please post that picture of the one sidewalk that I had.
- Now to me, that does not deface, this is a small town in Massachusetts you see the concrete ramp at the at the bottom of the picture.
- That is a necessity, according to codes, you know state and federal codes, the blacktop sidewalk which nobody has seen in any other presentations a new one, everybody has seen old rotten cracked ones here's a picture of a new.
- I don't think it's in your face as much as the concrete is.
- As you can see it's got the Granite curbs that we all have agreed on.
- You can see the blacktop matches up quite well with the edges of the of the curving and the edges of the blacktop.
- It's done in a nice straight line on the lawn's edges.
- Again, we've discussed the safety and, in my eyes living in this small town my entire life I think that's more appropriate.
- So that's my personal opinion.
- And with that, I respectfully submit our recommendations.

Rufus deRham:

- At the committee meeting, we talked a little bit about timeframes and how soon, we would need to move forward to keep everything in line.
- How much time did we or do we have to make a decision?

Jean Speck:

- According to the project manual, we have to award within 90 days from the bid opening.
- I would highly recommend that it gets awarded way sooner than that so even so, whenever it gets awarded, they have 10 days to begin the project.

Mike Gawel:

- The first thing they have to do is get themselves mobilized.
- They have to get some signage up.
- They have to get some erosion control in place.

- They won't start doing much demo work, I would assume a couple of more weeks, but again I can't I can't tell you how fast they're going to act after that 10 days.
- So, I would, if I were to guess, I would say, you would have close to a month, once you award it because they still have to get the trees taken down in certain areas, they have to get the signage, the erosion control, the curbing goes in before the sidewalk goes in.
- I know the decision does not have to be made today.

Glenn Sanchez:

- Well, I just want to thank Mike and the committee and the multiple committees, through the years for looking into this.
- I really appreciate all the time you put into this.
- I realize that there are there are pros and cons with each one of these options concrete and asphalt.
- I just really want to thank you Mike for putting in all this effort.

Mike Gawel:

- I appreciate the opportunity.

John Johnson:

- Mike and I are both passionate about this.
- We've come in a very opposite sides.
- I absolutely agree with the choice of Mather Corporation, with the recommendation for the board to look into extra supervision for the day-to-day things for the project.
- But we're on complete opposite sides on the choice of materials for the sidewalk.
- Asphalt put down originally to specs would hold up relatively well, but we know that over time it's going to need to be patched.
- People are going to gripe, people are going to cut it up, roots are going to grow, it's going to sink in spots where it soft, it will heat up in the summer, it's going to be soft and susceptible to the traffic which people are going to drive on it from time to time, people are going to cut it up and have to replace it and those kind of patches will not get the same compaction rate, they will not get the same supervision.
- The same asphalt push back down the same compaction and we will end up with sidewalks that look very much like what we have now over time.
- Concrete will heap at times, it can be ground down, where there was a little bit, it can be patched to maintain a level surface much easier than asphalt can.
- If a piece needs to be cut, metal pins on each side under the concrete that remains for the new concrete and it's very it will maintain that same elevation.
- Over time, concrete is a much better surface to maintain a little more expensive to make patches, but they will look better and hold up over time.
- The town doesn't want to have to replace these any sooner than necessarily.
- We know that asphalt would need to be repaired or replaced sooner than concrete.

- Why put the town through that expense sooner and the business owners through that disruption again any sooner than we need to.
- As this gets out to 20 years, the difference in cost per year dwindles and concrete just will be a much better surface.
- Much longer than asphalt.
- Asphalt also gets very hot in the summer.
- As I said in my letter to you I measured some temperatures last summer and in various places in the heat of the day and myths and myths on asphalt will get up to 135 degrees.
- Concrete in the same location same exposure consistently measured 115 degrees.
- Cooler that's a big difference in summer when people are trying to walk on our sidewalks.
- We want people to patronize our businesses.
- There's no reason to gain that extra heat in the winter.
- I've seen no problem with walking on the sidewalks, the concrete sidewalks around town hall.
- They get cleared.
- They're safe to walk work on and to walk on.
- I just think absolutely concrete is the way to go.
- It maintains its appearance, its functionality is much longer than asphalt and it's the best deal for the town.
- Thank you.

Jean Speck:

- This is probably one of the biggest projects that the town is taken on in a long time.
- There's a lot of passion on both sides of this.
- The Streetscape Committee did talk about launching a brief survey to basically asked out to the public.
- We can easily do that very quickly.
- What I'm thinking today's the 17th.
- If we were to get a survey launched in the next two days, and we leave it open until on April 1 we could have the data compiled and ready to present at the April 4th Board of selectmen meeting.
- It also gives the public and it gives the board more time to read the rest of the emails.

Rufus deRham:

- I was hoping that we would do a survey.
- I think we just need to make sure that on the survey we present facts and figures and make it clear.
- The data from the committee and then the data from the public and then will the three of us will have to make a decision.

Mike Gawel:

- I just have a couple more things that I'd like to say.
- John has brought you some good facts.
- John talks about repairs and nobody would expect more of people when they repair our sidewalks if they cut them than me.
- As a personal recommendation to the board, and this is a legislation thing that we have to go on later before anyone's ever allowed to cut through any of the sidewalks.
- I believe there should be a bond requiring them to have an engineer there to check the compaction underneath it because that's always the factor, whether they pour concrete or black top.
- As far as ease to patch I'm a concrete guy, I can't disagree with him more.
- I actually work with this stuff and I can't disagree with him more about the ease of patching okay.
- I can't say it more, and you know many, many years of concrete and I poured concrete that many of you walk by and walk through and walk into buildings that I pour concrete and you don't even know it.
- As far as the patching goes there's no comparison, the concrete is way more difficult and way more expensive period but it's all the compaction.
- That's why we mentioned having a professional there to make sure they check the compaction and make sure things are done properly.
- the last thing I would like to thank John for proving my point the concrete does get warmer faster, and it will thaw faster in the winter time.

Glenn Sanchez:

- In regards to another survey, we've been talking about this as a town, for a long time.
- I think a lot of people knew this night was coming.
- We have over 150 emails and other forms of communication.
- Do we really think that we're going to get a lot more out of a survey at this point?

Jean Speck:

- I think launching a truly public survey through the newsletter, through our social media and launching a survey that gives people thorough information so that they can very simply weigh in.
- I think that's the fair thing to do.
- I think that's what I'm hearing that our residents want to do.

Mike Gawel:

- I agree.
- Because it's pretty much a fact that anyone who has responded, it's all been word of mouth.

Jean Speck:

- It's not a heavy lift.
- it's a quick survey that we can have put up.
- I feel competent, we can have a put up tomorrow night.
- Survey monkey does all the hard work for you.

Rufus deRham:

- I would like to see the survey before it is put up.
- It's coming from the board of selectmen.
- We should have a say and looking at how carefully or whatnot it's put together.

Glenn Sanchez:

- Doing all this, having a survey getting all this out in the timeframe, this is not going to delay the project correct?

Jean Speck:

- The bid opening was March 7th, without counting every single day, June 7th is 90 days.
- We don't want to wait.

Rufus deRham:

- We don't want this contract in June.
- We want to go as soon as you can.
- I think we want to get the Town input.
- We've said that we would.
- I think that was made clear.
- I think Ed brought that the committee always thought that the town should have some input.

Glenn Sanchez:

- Could we make a motion to accept recommendation number one, and perhaps even number three and then to we wait for the survey//

Jean Speck:

- I'm not ready.
- I'd rather do them all at once.
- Have a conversation about the entire project and decision making.
- It's crunch time for me because I'm prepping for a board of finance, on Wednesday night.
- Thank you certainly Mike, John, Rufus, if I missed any other committee members, thank you for all this hard work, so we will continue this conversation.

Social Services Hiring subcommittee recommendation:

Rufus deRham:

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- We had several candidates,
- We ended up interviewing three candidates.
- We ended up a unanimous consensus that one of them was our choice.
- We do have a recommendation.
- We'll just candidate A for the position of Social Services, Director/Senior Center Director at \$30 an hour for 32 hours per week with benefits with the understanding also that this hire would not get any increase until one year after date of hire.
- The committee recommended that during the 90-day probationary period that I would come in to informally sit down with her probably every two weeks to see how she's doing, sort of evaluate her progress.
- Our third recommendation would be that we keep Judy the interim director on for two weeks or 15 hours.

Catherine Bachrach:

- I think we recommended that she be paid for up to a total of 15 hours over a three-week period to assist with the transition.

Rufus deRham made a motion that we hire candidate A, as Social Services Director for 32 hours a week at \$30 an hour with benefits as voted unanimously by the Selectmen at the November 20, 2021 meeting and that the new person started as soon as possible.

Jean Speck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jean Speck:

- I am very grateful to you, the committee, for I know this has been a long road and I'm just very grateful for the work that you've been doing.

Rufus deRham:

- The second recommendation was that I would act as the liaison during the 90-day probationary period, just to work with her as somebody to help her answer questions, point her in the right direction, introduce her to the right people. I think Catherine's going to be a great help as well.

Jean Speck:

- I mean traditionally it's the First Selectman's office that does that interfacing.
- Joyce does a lot of interfacing with a new employee.
- Barbara does payroll.
- I don't it's great for you Rufus to set up regular meetings with her.
- I don't know if we need to make a motion.
- I don't want to limit this person from being able to, because I'm in the office every day, I don't want to make the person feel like they can interact or interface with this office.
- I don't know if we need to make a formal motion on that piece, but I do think that we should make a formal motion on the finance piece for the transition for Judy.

Rufus deRham:

- I think the key to it is to make sure that we're saying that we're willing to pay Judy for up to 20 hours of advisory time to come in and assistance during the transition.

Rufus deRham made a motion to offer up to 20 hours of paid time to the present interim Social Service Director to assist the new hire during the transition. Jean Speck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Rufus deRham:

- I would just like to go on record and thank Catherine and Ruth.
- I thought the committee work very efficiently and it was nice to have people who had a lot of history in the social services area being on the committee.
- Thank you very much.

Glenn Sanchez:

- Thank you.

Jean Speck:

- Here, here.
- Ditto, ditto.
- Thank you Catherine and thank you Ruth.

Pollinator Pathway Resolution Presentation:

Connie Manes:

- I'm here tonight on behalf of both the Kent Land Trust and the Conservation Commission.
- Two hours into a meeting is hardly the time to begin our discussions, so I'll just tell you a little bit about what is in your folder and what we hope to start with you.
- Kent's Pollinator Pathway Partnership is a collaboration among Kent Land Trust, Kent Conservation Commission, the Kent Garden Club and the Sustainability Team.
- That's growing all the time, this is really just since last summer.
- It's been in existence and it's an initiative that is about educating and encouraging responsible land management to support native species.
- In particular pollinators with a goal of restoring conductivity of habitat for supporting biodiversity and resilience.
- Similar pollinator pathway partnerships are working all across Connecticut and New England frankly and one component that has been a big part of these initiatives is engendering the support of the municipal government and several towns in Connecticut have adopted resolutions or proclamations.
- In connection with pollinator pathway partnerships, we'd love to have the board of selectmen support as well, and this proposed resolution is our suggested place to start the conversation.

- It is a resolution that is pretty ambitious.
- It incorporates both words and action.
- In other, we're asking the town to talk the talk, but also to walk the walk.
- It contemplates a long list of things and I still don't have a full understanding of all of the land that is managed by the town.
- Whether or not all of these things would universally be possible for the town, I would imagine that there are things to talk about with respect to activities like no mow May.
- Town just over the border and New Milford, they're embracing no mow May this May and so is the Kent Land Trust, we are not going to mow our lawns in May.
- But for the town, when we're talking about town hall, that might be different from talking about mowing by the Visitor Center or mowing at Emory Park or Kent Commons Park or the Swift House and other areas similar to that.
- I would expect that the blanket no spraying of herbicides might be different, depending on what town manage property.
- You're considering same with the cleanup of leaves in the fall and in the springtime in the way that those things are treated differently from what we might think of as the norms of how you manage your landscape.
- We're looking for a change in those norms, but we know that they're going to come slowly it's not going to be overnight.
- I guess what I am coming to you with tonight is this proposed resolution to be able to take any questions that you might have about what the resolution says and maybe to gain your support for us to reach out to municipal employees to learn a little bit more about lands that are under the town's control and how those have been managed and dialogue to try and figure out, you know do these resolutions, need to be modified, a little bit in order for the town to fully support them and walk the walk as well as talk the talk.
- Thank you for your audience tonight, and I look forward to talking more about this.

Jean Speck:

- The way towards adoption right it's been adopted by the other parties that you mentioned earlier, correct.

Connie Manes:

- Yes, those parties are now our partners in pollinator pathway, and I mean.
- I would see no reason why the town couldn't be a partner, without adopting this resolution, but I think ultimately, it's a really big showing of support.
- Because it's a model that other towns have used and you know not just one or two, but at this point, you know, maybe 10 or more towns in Connecticut have adopted resolutions or proclamations, we thought that it was a good place to start the discussion.

Jean Speck:

- Thanks, and I couldn't agree more.
- I think that it's time that we start to get on the pathway to think differently about our lawns and how we treat them.
- I do want to hear from Rick.
- I did want to say a huge thanks to Connie and Melissa and your whole team at the Land Trust and at the Conservation Commission.
- We've had a number of really long discussions about this and this is a great step that the town should be taking, and it doesn't saddle us with anything.
- It really just almost enables us to lean forward in a voluntary way to try to start making some changes in in our practices.

Rick Osborne:

- I would not like to stop spraying guardrails totally.
- Because if we don't, we end up with a lot of poison ivy and stuff like that, and everybody in the garage is allergic to poison ivy except for me.
- I don't want have to do every guard rail myself.
- We only spray on once a year, when we do and it's totally directed downward
- There are two nozzles, one each side of the guide rail.
- I had questions about spraying building foundations for ants.
- I can't see like that front lawn at the town hall, not more than that for the whole month let the backyard go fine but the front yard we're just going be overtaken by dandelions if we don't keep that front yard mowed.

Connie Manes:

- Part of the point.

Jean Speck:

- Connie and Melissa talked at the Conservation Commission there would be signage that would speak to we're attempting to do and what we're participating in our partnering to improve and change these practices.
- We also talked about social media.
- We talked about getting information out to the public, through the newsletter.
- Some dandelions and some grass it's a little bit long would be changing the way we receive things.

Connie Manes:

- If we get a really warm May, it could be pretty weird looking.
- I don't want to prolong your meeting.
- I mean that was what I was coming here to say.
- I think it's not an easy.

- It's essential to the survival of our kids, and so I want to work on it, and I want to see what happens, if a lawn that you don't mow until June is really ugly.
- Have less lawn that's one option.
- Shrink the lawn so that you don't have to look at all the dandelions.
- I think this is a discussion for us to have and maybe as long as you're open to it I could come to town hall, and we could make a list of all of the properties and the concerns and see you know what makes sense and what might be an experiment.

Jean Speck:

- Changes can be scary, but these are things that we're doing for our environment.
- I don't want to rush a motion.
- I don't, I think that this will enable us to start having more conversations to get us headed in the right direction.

Connie Manes:

- I'm not going to lie.
- We want you to actually do these things too.
- I really wanted to put it out there, that I think it makes sense to actually catalog what the town manages and think about whether these things make sense, on all of them, or there are some revisions or some things that you want to clarify because.
- It is much more than a vote of confidence or support.
- It's actually a change in behaviors in municipal management.

Rufus deRham:

- You're talking to somebody who always waited for until my neighbor mows his yard about four times before I mow mine for the first time.
- I think it's important that everybody starts moving in that direction.
- I would like, maybe not to do it tonight, but have a conversation.
- Maybe even a special meeting looking a bit more carefully at exactly what lands we've got.
- I also think there's a major group that needs to be included in this and would be an excellent addition to all the groups that have been involved so far and that's the Kent Center School and the kids.
- I think you could incorporate wonderful conversations and have them make signage and start teaching them to think about the change, because that will make it happen.

Connie Manes:

- It's a great idea, thank you.

Glenn Sanchez:

- This is a great document.

- I enjoyed reading this actually and just this conversation here just got me thinking much herbicides are sprayed on guard rails and roadsides.
- How often do we spray pesticides on building foundations?
- If we can as Rick to completely get rid of all that, but at least discourage that, to some degree, or at least understand where that happens.
- It is important to me.
- I think the spirit of this document is great.
- If we need to continue this conversation great, but I, I appreciate this.

Jean Speck:

- I think that there's no action because this document is really an enabling document and it's almost like a call to action.
- If we're going to be partners, we need to be partners being half in half out is being half in half out, I think that this enables Connie to connect with Rick and really start talking about a plan and changing our practices going forward where you know we're practically at April.

Jean Speck made a motion that we, the board of selectmen adopts the Pollinator Pathway Resolution, as presented. Rufus deRham seconded the motion.

Jean Speck:

- If you really dig into the document, it is it's to enable us, and we have to start taking action we can keep talking about stuff.
- We seem to be really good at that.
- I think we need to take action.
- This is a very simple action that I think that we can take that will set us on a really good pathway forward for this one piece.

Rufus deRham:

- I agree.
- While you were going on, I was rereading it through.
- I have no problem with that.

Jean Speck asked all those in favor? All three voted yes and the motion carried.

Connie Manes:

- Great thanks so much look forward to working with you on it and really appreciate it.
- Thank you.

Board/Commission Meeting Resolution:

Jean Speck (she/her):

- Glenn, you had brought up a resolution a couple of meetings ago.

Rufus deRham:

- I mean under Robert's Rules, no business or discussion can be held anyway, if there's no quorum.

Jean Speck:

- Darlene, you had talked to that you wanted to take it one step further.
- From an opinion from town council from a while ago and I can't I don't remember which conversation.
- I mean it's just in general terms, you can make with a statute, you can pass a resolution to make that statue more rigid to fit the needs of a municipality, but you can't make them looser.
- Because looser would be breaking the law.
- When we talked the other day, you had talked about instead of a quorum it's actually two people.

Darlene Brady:

- It makes sure that any business of any board/ commission must be held as a meeting of which has to be warned properly attended by the public, transparent to the public and then must have minutes submitted.
- Tom Hennick gave an interpretation of a statute that said you're right, you can hold a group of people come together and they can manage a discussion of whatever business they have as a board or Commission.
- But what happens is that group of people doesn't have to warn their meeting of which then there's no ability for the public to be present, of which then the public can't and interact with comments or questions, then there's no actual minutes filed.
- That means that for the town, it leads them open to there is no trail of that group of individuals meeting.
- What I'm asking by this resolution and I think by Glenn putting it forward is we are formalizing that we want our boards and commissions to understand that any business that they have identified as business of their board and commission must manage that, under a quorum, they must manage that, under an agenda, it must be transparent, it must make they can give a couple of availability to be present, and there must be minutes that reflect that meeting.
- We've gotten most boards and commissions managing their business exactly the way this resolution supports they have only been transacting business under a quorum, which an agenda has been processed and minutes have been filed this just assures us that we don't go off on another angle of all of this, and just allow groups of individuals who happened to be members to go off on side discussions that the public is not available to be part of.

Darlene Brady:

- You can interpret statutes, all you want, and it can give you leeway to doing things, based on what was the intent of the statute or what is the safest intent of the Statute, and I think would blend and I read those words, and I support them.
- I will tell you our boards and commissions, 98% of them have been acting under this resolution
- They've already been managing it that way, so we we've already been doing this, I just believe that this resolution will protect that we continue to do this, so that we don't have any subcommittees board go off and not do it that way.

Jean Speck made a motion

The Board of selectmen resolves that each municipal board and Commission, or any subcommittee thereof, shall not conduct any business or discussion if a quorum is not present. Therefore, if a quorum is not present, a member, that is present, or the clerk or the secretary of the board or commission will submit to the Town Clerk meeting minutes reflecting that the meeting was cancelled in accordance with the CT FOI Act, the resolution so shall take effect immediately.

Glenn Sanchez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Darlene Brady:

- The only last request.
- The Board of selectmen had passed, another resolution regarding the recording of all meetings and now there's a new resolution.
- That affects all boards and commissions and I would ask that the board sends that out to them so that they can understand that this is something that they need to be following is now effective immediately.

Jean Speck:

- I'll do.

Emergency Managed to job descriptions:

Jean Spec:

- I've been shoulder deep in budget.
- I've asked out sent it out to DEMHS for them to take a look at, since it sort of originally originated with DEMHS.
- So hopefully at the next meeting, I'll have those job descriptions for us to get approved.

Hazardous Mitigation Plan Adoption:

Jean Speck:

- Again, I need to push that off to the fourth.
- I just didn't have time to get the full plan in the folder and get the resolution polished up.

Operating Budget:

Jean Speck:

- We are due before board of finance where I will make the presentation.
- The BOE presented their budget to the board of finance last night so that was a good sort of dress rehearsal for me to anticipate some questions that may come my way next Wednesday night.

Glenn Sanchez:

- Going back to Civil Preparedness in the budget, we talked about maybe having different line items not having just one line item because they're just so many moving parts to that and the budget has now gone to \$20,000.
- At the board of finance meeting last night, did you bring that up at all, or is that for the next meeting?

Jean Speck:

- Yeah, Barbara and I would be doing it at that meeting on Wednesday night.

Glenn Sanchez:

- This coming this next Wednesday meeting okay.

Town Hall large meeting room video conferences:

Jean Speck:

- We need to figure out how to move forward.
- There's a couple of considerations.
- It's really about the big meeting, the large meeting room and as we move hopefully out of the pandemic mode back to in person meetings, we have the resolution in place for the recording so we do still need to be able to have that capability, the big issue in that room is the audio.
- I think it makes sense for us to because when we had the two vendors come in last time it was to have a full complement as though we were still in the world of zoom and I'm just wondering if it doesn't make sense to have them come back and re quote with a little bit of a scaled back capability.
- If I mean we still have to have the system, the hardware should also be there.
- In case we have to go remote again.
- I feel like that we need to have these folks come back in and really take a look at that room and the getting the sound quality right.
- It is important so, if it's okay, with the Board we will have those two vendors come back in Joyce will have another conversation with them.
- They'll come back and walk through the design of how that room should look outfitted with proper audio.

- We have the speaker that Barbara bought on Amazon that worked fine for the board of finance in the small meeting room, but I think it worked less than fine for the board of selectmen meeting that we had a week or so ago.
- There's more work for us to do.
- Plus, we need to figure out how we're going to pay for it.

Rufus deRham:

- I think that it would be a good idea to try to get at least a third vendor.
- And the second thing is if we want everybody to record everything if there is an overlap of meetings, we need to have ease of meeting in the small meeting room at the same time as the big meeting so as long as we have some equipment for a small meeting that would be great,
- We really only need to work out the kinks for the bigger meeting room.

Glenn Sanchez:

- This has come up for months now.
- We were all on zoom all the time.
- We had our meeting and the big meeting room.
- ARPA subcommittee meets mostly in person and then of course the board of finance, so it seems to me that visually like people can see that's not the big issue.
- It's the sound, so I think I think we can do something pretty cheaply.
- I believe, if we could just do the sound.
- If we need a bigger TV or something that's one thing, but it seems like people can see in but sometimes it's just the audio.
- I think there's a way to do this, I think, very cheaply if we want to look at these companies again great but, it seems to me that we can make this work out pretty cheaply.

Jean Speck:

- We'll come back with some more information at the next meeting,

Pandemic update:

Jean Speck:

- Numbers are way down.
- We had five cases, two weeks ago zero cases last week, and this is reported to the Department of Public Health.
- That doesn't cover home testing.
- There's gaps data.
- I did just get an hour ago a text from Eric about a new strain that's over in Asia.
- We have plenty of tests.
- We have masks that are always in the front lobby for anyone to take so if people need those by all means.

Subcommittee reports:

ARPA Needs Assessment subcommittee:

Glenn Sanchez:

- We met yesterday and we talked about the focus groups that met in the prior weekend.
- I think there was there was another one recently.
- I believe but that whole process is coming to an end.
- We talked about how we correlate all the material and is there an application process once that happens, so we talked about how folks are able to apply for these funds.
- We are talking about April at some point but that's moving ahead once we got the focus groups and now we're going to be talking about the shape of the report.
- The next meeting is next Wednesday so every week with the meeting.

Connie Manes:

- We will have a report in April for you like Glenn said.
- That's a deadline that the committee has set for itself and we look forward to presenting that to you in April.

Jean Speck:

- Okay, and so we have a meeting on the 7th and a meeting on the 21st.
- You want to target towards the 21st.

Connie Manes:

- I would absolutely target towards the 21st.

Affordable Housing:

Jean Speck:

- We had the first community forum.
- It was very well attended.
- We have a meeting next Wednesday night, which I unfortunately will not be able to attend because I'll be attending the board of finance meeting.
- We did I did ask out to our consultant if there's anything that we need to be doing ahead of the due date.
- Our deadline, as is everybody else's deadline which is coming up quickly at the end of June.
- She reached out to OPM and OPM responded back what we anticipated, which was as long as we get them a letter letting them know that we're working on it and we anticipate to have our plan into OPM by then we can continue past the deadline.

Broadband Working Group;

Jean Speck:

- We had a meeting a couple of weeks ago.

- We will not be having a meeting tomorrow, because there was an error in the agenda that the chair posted.
- I know that Chris is going to rescheduling that meeting for them.
- We're looking at doing a survey to find out where all the utility poles are one of the members has created a tool to be able to capture that on people's cell phones, so we are looking to potentially do a pilot where some of the committee members can take pictures and they get pushed through the tool.
- We also have a question out to Eversource to see if they can share some of that data as well.
- Just a lot of moving parts.
- Also talking about the funding stream that hopefully is going to be coming down from the Federal Government.

Kent Sustainability Team:

Jean Speck:

- We had our community resilience building workshop.
- We broke out into two breakout groups and they brought enough people to facilitate those two conversations with the two breakout groups, we came back together.
- Each of the breakout groups went over sort of their conclusions and takeaways and from that document.
- Adam and the nature conservancy created a report that will help us move forward in this process.

Main Street cars and traffic.

Glenn Sanchez:

- We met last Wednesday at 9am and the committee walked up and down main streets. So we looked at signage.
- We looked at crosswalks.
- I've never spent so much time at the lights, walking around those crosswalks.
- It was it was very interesting to see.
- Chris Garrity was looking at the distance between the crosswalks and all of that.
- Andrea's son was great, he hung out the whole time, even when it was snowing on all of our heads, but it was pretty eye opening to see how fast people were going, in fact, especially leaving town are coming into town.
- We talked about enforcement.
- We talked ways, if there are ways, we could maybe move some signs, maybe we need to get the DOT involvement somehow.
- I spoke with Rick today about who perhaps to contact at DOT.
- It was a good walking tour of Main Street.
- On a snowy Wednesday, it was it was pretty amazing how fast people were going so that was interesting.

- That's what we're focusing on right now is signage and then the crosswalks how much time it takes to move between lights.
- The next meeting is next Thursday.

Social Services Hiring Committee:

Jean Speck:

- We have an update on Social Services Hiring Committee,
- I do think we should leave that in place.

Streetscape Building Committee:

Jean Speck:

- We spend plenty of time on that.

Swift House Task Force:

Glenn Sanchez:

- Swift House Task Force 2.

Jean Speck:

- I don't think we rename that or we didn't rename that.
- We just amended their charge.

Glenn Sanchez:

- I saw the 2 somewhere.
- It was just regular task force so whatever we want to call it, it could be.
- We met and we decided that we meet every second Wednesday of each month for the next for the next six months.
- We talked about the content of the report, the report last time, the one that was completed and we talked about expanding that.
- We talked offering more options, what we can do with the Swift House in that reports.
- I personally would like some more pictures, some more maps.
- I'd like to know exactly what the property entails.
- We talked about, but the report itself, and then we talked about what each member of the committee would focus on, so you know whether that was programming, whether that was grants, whether that was.
- We'll meet again on Wednesday April 13.

Suzanne Charity:

- The only other thing we talked about was how to get more Community involvement in the decision making and prepare for that.
- We'd like to do an updated survey and that might require some minimal funds so similar to what ARPA did for their survey.
- Is that something we could get agreement on?

Jean Speck:

- I think I'd like to see the committee, maybe flush that out, and so we can understand what.
- What the need is.

Suzanne Charity:

- We talked about sending out a postcard to get people involved in taking part in the survey.
- That would be the only thing I would have any cost involved.
- It would be essentially.

Glenn Sanchez:

- I know Marge Smith, is looking at some surveys other towns have done, for their historical buildings.
- I think she's going to have more information, the next time we meet.
- But if we do a survey with postcards, we will need to know that fairly quickly, because if we're going to go in that direction.
- We're going to need funding.
- If that was what happened, but I have no idea how much ARPA received or in what way that funding came from.

Jean Speck:

- Yeah, I'd have to check with Barbara.

Suzanne Charity:

- You need to print the card, and then you need to pay the postage.
- Those are the two costs.
- I can find that out if I mean Barbara probably has it from the last time.

Rufus deRham:

- I would think there's money available in the budget to do that.
- I have no problem with it, but it'd be nice to know approximately how much we're spending.

Glenn Sanchez:

- We'll work on that as a subcommittee.

Selectmen Reports:

Jean Speck:

- Update the board on Sharon Hospital change in services.

- All the CEOs were invited, and it was just sort of another level of conversation of what they're planning.
- We gave them some good feedback.
- My feedback was you need to be more transparent with our community about what you're doing about primary care.
- And you be more transparent with the process to actually discontinue that labor and delivery and shut that department.
- They have to apply to the department of public health and request to discontinue.
- They can't just discontinue it.
- They have an agreement in place, it was a five-year agreement that there's concern, they may be in violation of.
- But there is an extensive application they put in that co n to close that department.
- More to come on that, but we continue to you know be open to hearing what they have to say.

Glenn Sanchez:

- I had an idea, just to float it out there, having gone through now a budget process, and especially about salaries and just to throw out this idea that maybe when this budget season's over when some of these subcommittees are disbanded maybe we might want to think about having a subcommittee that that studies salaries from in our surrounding towns.
- We could have a few members, maybe from the board of finance a few staff in town hall, we could have one of us on this committee to look at all this because next year we'll go through it again.
- I would love to have meetings that are less than four hours.
- I would love to have meetings that are not so calculator intensive.
- I mean my head was spinning a little bit the last two meetings talking about salaries and I think that we could maybe clear the air a little bit more quickly officially next time around, if we have a subcommittee that actually has this information, for us.
- The next time just floated out I don't know if we want to do that, I mean there's so many subcommittees right now where would you find the time.
- I hear what was said with folks in town hall, and I want to look at that more carefully at some point.

Jean Speck:

- Yeah, we definitely need to dig into that.
- I think it's good food for thought.

Rufus deRham:

- I agree that we have got to seriously look at the lengths of these meetings.
- The productivity is just falls off we have got to have shorter meetings and get right to the point of the business at hand.

- And better preparation.
- that's all I'm going say for now.

Jean Speck made a motion to adjourn at 9:48 p.m. Glenn Sanchez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Joyce Kearns

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Administrative Assistant

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Regular Meeting Agenda
March 17, 2022 6:30 P.M.

Join Zoom Meeting:
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Meeting ID: 846 5674 0395

One tap mobile: +1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

Supporting documentation for this meeting:
https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1fQUITu3mD9Ge_vYzq-9UnWD05q-9HzNu

- 1. Call to order**
- 2. Approval of Minutes**
 - 2.1. February 17, 2022 Special BoS meeting
 - 2.2. February 17, 2022 Regular BoS meeting
 - 2.3. February 23, 2022 Special BoS meeting
 - 2.4. March 2, 2022 Special Meeting
 - 2.5. March 3, 2022 Regular Meeting
- 3. Correspondence**
 - 3.1. March 9, 2022 email from Robert Mellis, "South Commons"
 - 3.2. March 11, 2022 email from Jean-Marie Horovitz, "EV car charger"
- 4. Public Comments**
- 5. Tax Refunds**
- 6. Treasurer's Report**
- 7. New Business**
 - 7.1. Joanne Bourdas from Community Health and Wellness Center regarding their mobile medical unit
 - 7.2. Streetscape Committee recommendation on contractor and material
 - 7.3. Social Services Hiring subcommittee recommendation
 - 7.4. Pollinator Pathway resolution presentation by Kent Land Trust
 - 7.5. Board/Commission meeting resolution.

- 7.6. Western New England Greenway Roadway, U.S. Bicycle Route 7 – Kent segment signage program and MOU - (tentative - presentation by Dan Bolognani, Executive Director, Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area)
- 7.7. Emergency Management job descriptions – Director and Deputy Director
- 7.8. Hazardous Mitigation Plan adoption
- 7.9. Emergency Management job descriptions – Director and Deputy Director
- 8. Old Business**
 - 8.1. 2022-2023 Operating Budget
 - 8.2. Town Hall large meeting room video conference system update
 - 8.3. COVID -19 pandemic update
- 9. BOS Subcommittee Reports**
 - 9.1. ARPA Needs Assessment Committee
 - 9.2. Affordable Housing Plan Steering Committee
 - 9.3. Broadband Working Group
 - 9.4. Kent Sustainability Team
 - 9.5. Main Street Noise and Traffic Committee
 - 9.6. Social Services Director Hiring subcommittee
 - 9.7. Streetscape Building Committee
 - 9.8. Swift House Task Force
- 10. Selectmen's Reports**
- 11. Adjourn**

From: Jean Conlon Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>
Subject: Fwd: South Commons
Date: March 9, 2022 at 4:22:13 PM EST
To: Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Would you add this to the next BoS meeting as a correspondence? thanks.



Jean Speck (she, her, hers)

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From: **Jean Conlon Speck** <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>
Date: Wed, Mar 9, 2022 at 4:21 PM
Subject: Re: South Commons
To: Robert Mellis <robertsmellis1234@gmail.com>

Good afternoon Mr. Mellis,
Thank you for your email - yes, the Park & Rec Commission has included some funding in their budget for the coming year - regarding federal funding, I'm not sure the projects are an eligible

expense or not, we'd have to look into it . Thank you for sending these photos with your email - I will share both with the board members to see what can be done to address these issues.

Thank you.

Stay well,
jean

On Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 8:17 PM Robert Mellis <robertsmellis1234@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Jean:

I sent a letter to the Parks & Rec committee regarding the abominable state of the parking lots and the walking paths and swings at South Commons. I had the sense at tonight's meeting of that committee that there is a belief that the decay and lack of maintenance there is under scrutiny by the committee and the new director.

My spouse and I fully understand we are dealing with the horrors that winter brings to the paths and the swimming pool that is a parking lot. But they encouraged me to send a follow up note to you as First Selectman so that we pull out the stops and try for the federal funding that might be applied to fix this drainage nightmare.

I understand that several dump trucks of gravel will not assuage the parking lot problems. I understand that the crumbling culvert sends an abominable message to those accessing the park. And I know that the massive erosion over half the pathways in the park says we have tried and failed to fix the run-off issued that is causing dangerous erosion. But this jewel in Kent's crown needs attention...and needs it now.

May I suggest that this issue be addressed by the Selectmen at an upcoming meeting. This is a danger to seniors, to say the least. But it also is a danger for young families who want to use the swings because of the 18-inch deep dugouts under those swings. The erosion issues are major on the entire path. And they are a hazard for all but the most nimble.

I am attaching some photographs I shot recently to give you a better look at the dangers that are embedded in the paths that are not fit for human use.

Thank you.
Robert S. Mellis









Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

EV car charger

1 message

'Jean-Marie Horovitz' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>
Reply-To: Jean-Marie Horovitz <jeanmariehorovitz@yahoo.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 6:52 PM

Please, could you update me on the EV car chargers replacement. Thank you.

Jean-Marie



TOWN OF KENT
LAND USE OFFICE

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Selectmen
Board of Finance

Fr: Donna M. Hayes, Land Use Administrator

Re: March 10, 2022 Approval of the Town of Kent 5-Year Capital Plan

Date: March 17, 2022

Pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Planning and Zoning Commission at a regular meeting on March 10, 2022, voted to approve the proposed Town of Kent 5-Year Capital Plan via the following motion:

Mr. Manes moved to approve the Proposed Five-Year Capital Plan dated February 10, 2022, with the understanding that if any of the information changes, the revised Plan be resubmitted to the Commission for re-approval. Mr. Birnbaum seconded. During discussion Mr. Winter said that the Town should consider itself lucky to have Mr. Osborne as head of the DPW and as someone who has such a strong commitment to maintaining both the roads and bridges. The motion carried unanimously.

Prior to making the motion, a member of Plan Of Conservation and Development Subcommittee relayed a discussion regarding the importance of fully funding the maintenance of roads now in order to prevent pavement deterioration as the continued upkeep of the roadways is actually more cost effective than making the large repairs due to delayed maintenance.

The Commission determined by a vote of 7 aye, 0 nay, that the proposal meets the goals of the Kent Plan of Conservation and Development.

Ayes

David Birnbaum
Karen Casey
Darrell Cherniske
Alice Hicks
Adam Manes
Matt Winter
Wes Wyrick

Nays

REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES

Sec. 12-81(20), Sec. 12-124, 12-125, 12-126, 12-127, 12-127a, 12-128, 12-129 Rev. as Amended
This is to certify that CORTESE MARY K

has presented satisfactory proof that he/she is entitled to an exemption on the assessment list of 10/01/2020

- ☐ Sec. 12-81 (20) Servicemen Having Disability Rating.
- ☐ Sec. 12-124 Abatement to poor.
- ☐ Sec. 12-125 Abatement of Taxes of Corporations.
- ☐ Sec. 12-126 Tangible Personal Property Assessed in more than one Municipality.
- ☐ Sec. 12-127 Abatement or Refund to Blind Persons.
- ☐ Sec. 12-127A Abatement of Taxes on Structures of Historical or Architectural Merit.
- ☐ Sec. 12-128 Refund of Taxes Erroneously Collected from Veterans and Relatives.
- ☒ Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

CORTESE MARY K
192 LONG RIDGE DR
MURRELLS INLT, SC 29576-7027

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To **DEBORAH DEVAUX** Collector of **KENT** State of Connecticut.

I hereby apply for refund* of such part of my tax as shall represent:

The service exemption or Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.
(State reason -- Cross out service exemption if it does not apply)

		Tax	Interest	Lien	Fee	Total	Overpaid Tax
Total Due	01/01/2022	202.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	202.49	
Total Paid	02/16/2022	278.04	6.07	0.00	0.00	284.11	-75.55 ***
Adjusted Refund		-75.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.55	

PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND DATE BELOW:

I am entitled to this refund because I made the payments from funds under my control, and no other party will be requesting this refund. I understand that false or deliberately misleading statements subject me to penalties for perjury and/or for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Mary Cortese
Print Name

Mary K Cortese 2/22/22
Signature of Taxpayer Date

COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY

To the First Selectman, or
It is recommended that refund* of property taxes and interest in the amount of 75.55
be made to the above-named taxpayer in accordance with the provisions of Section (s):

Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

DATED AT KENT, CONNECTICUT THIS 16 DAY OF February 2022

Deborah Devaux
DEBORAH DEVAUX

ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BODY

The First Selectman, as authorized by the Board of Selectman, or
approved on the _____ day of _____ 2022. It was voted to refund
Property Taxes and Interest amounting to \$ _____ to _____.

First Selectman

Other Governing Body

Clerk

Mail To : DEBORAH DEVAUX
KENT
PO BOX 311
KENT, CT 06757



AS OF 02/16/2022

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C/O:	192 LONG RIDGE DR
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AS OF 02/16/2022

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ADDRESS2: KENT CT 06757-1227
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TOTAL BALANCE DUE AS OF 02/16/2022

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AS OF 02/16/2022

GENERAL DATA MOTOR VEHICLE KENT

BILL NO: 2020-03-0050499
UNIQUE ID: 50499
LINK #: 2020-MV-0000309
FILE#:
BANK:
ESCROW:
DMV CIVLS: 2416604-5610608-N
DISTRICT:
PROP ASSESSED: 26,500
EXEMPTIONS:
COC CHANGE: -11,050
COC #: 05857M
EXEMPT Change:
NET VALUE: 15,450
DMV CIVLS: 2416604-5610608-N
MILL RATE: 18.5700

NAME:
C/O:
ADDRESS:
ADDRESS2:
CITY ST ZIP:
COUNTRY:
CORTSE MARY K
6 BOTSFORD RD
KENT CT 06757-1227

YR/MAKE/MDL
REG/CL/ID
ASSMNT CHANGE:
TOWN BENEFIT
REG# EXPR:
2019 / FORD / F150 SUP
AJ57503/1 / 1PTEW1EB5KFA65964
-11,050
0.00

TOTALS
492.11
0.00
0.00
0.00
-205.20
286.91
492.11

INST1 492.11
INST2 0.00
INST3 0.00
INST4 0.00
ADJS -205.20
TOT TAX 286.91
TOTAL PAID: 492.11

*** PAYMENTS ***

TYPE	CYCLE	DATE	ADJ	TERM/BATCH/SEQ	INST	AMOUNT	INTEREST	LIENS	FEES	TOTALS
Adj	8	02/16/2022	05857M	80/171/1	T	-205.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	492.11
Pmt	1	07/30/2021		89/1025/179	T	492.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	492.11

TOTAL PAYMENTS

TOTAL BALANCE DUE AS OF 02/16/2022

INT DUE
LIEN DUE
FEES DUE
TAX DUE NOW
TOT DUE NOW
BALANCE AMT
TOWN
0.00
0.00
0.00
-205.20
-205.20
-205.20
0.00

*** FLAGS ***
Circuit Breaker Amt 0
Invalid Address Flag No
Last Adjustment Reason REG OUT OF STATE - APRIL

REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES

Sec. 12-81(20), Sec. 12-124, 12-125, 12-126, 12-127, 12-127a, 12-128, 12-129 Rev. as Amended
This is to certify that TOYOTA LEASE TRUST

has presented satisfactory proof that he/she is entitled to an exemption on the assessment list of 10/01/2020

- ☐ Sec. 12-81 (20) Servicemen Having Disability Rating.
☐ Sec. 12-124 Abatement to poor.
☐ Sec. 12-125 Abatement of Taxes of Corporations.
☐ Sec. 12-126 Tangible Personal Property Assessed in more than one Municipality.
☐ Sec. 12-127 Abatement or Refund to Blind Persons.
☐ Sec. 12-127A Abatement of Taxes on Structures of Historical or Architectural Merit.
☐ Sec. 12-128 Refund of Taxes Erroneously Collected from Veterans and Relatives.
☒ Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

TOYOTA LEASE TRUST

Toyota Lease Trust
20 Commerce Way, Ste. 800
Woburn, MA 01801-1057

RECEIVED

MAR 07 2022

Ryan LLC

2020-03-0052744

52744

AN71839/5TFSX5EN7JX059982



2020030052744

TO DEBORAH DEVAUX

Collector of KENT State of Connecticut.

I hereby apply for refund* of such part of my tax as shall represent:

The service exemption or Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.
(State reason -- Cross out service exemption if it does not apply)

Total Due 07/01/2021 Tax 226.81 Interest 0.00 Lien 0.00 Fee 0.00 Total 226.81 Overpaid Tax
Total Paid 07/28/2021 389.04 0.00 0.00 0.00 389.04 -162.23 ***
Adjusted Refund -162.23 0.00 0.00 0.00 162.23

PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND DATE BELOW:

I am entitled to this refund because I made the payments from funds under my control, and no other party will be requesting this refund. I understand that false or deliberately misleading statements subject me to penalties for perjury and/or for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Rhonda Iacobazzi
Print Name

Rhonda Iacobazzi
Signature of Taxpayer

3-7-22
Date

COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY

To the First Selectman, or

It is recommended that refund* of property taxes and interest in the amount of 162.23
be made to the above-named taxpayer in accordance with the provisions of Section (s):

Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

DATED AT KENT, CONNECTICUT THIS 01 DAY OF March 2022

Deborah Devaux
DEBORAH DEVAUX

ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BODY

The First Selectman, as authorized by the Board of Selectman, or
approved on the day of 2022. It was voted to refund
Property Taxes and Interest amounting to \$ to .

First Selectman

Other Governing Body

Clerk

Mail To : DEBORAH DEVAUX
KENT
PO BOX 311
KENT, CT 06757



2020030052744

GENERAL DATA MOTOR VEHICLE KENT

AS OF 03/01/2022

BILL NO: 2020-03-0052744
UNIQUE ID: 52744
LINK #: 2020-MV-0001758
FILE#: M004
BANK: 139809-4933270-Y
ESCROW:
DMV CIVLS:
DISTRICT:
PROP ASSESSED: 20,950
EXEMPTIONS:
COC CHANGE: -8,736
COC #: 05862M
EXEMPT Change: 12,214
NET VALUE:
DMV CIVLS: 139809-4933270-Y
MILL RATE: 18.5700

NAME: TOYOTA LEASE TRUST
C/O:
ADDRESS: 3200 W RAY RD
ADDRESS2:
CITY ST ZIP: CHANDLER AZ 85226-2455
COUNTRY:

YR/MAKE/MDL 2018 / TOYOT / TACOMA A
REG/CL/ID AN71839/1 / 5TFSX5EN7JX059982

ASSMNT CHANGE: -8,736
TOWN BENEFIT 0.00
REG# EXPR:

*** BILLED ***
INST1 TOWN 389.04
INST2 0.00
INST3 0.00
INST4 0.00
ADJS -162.23
TOT TAX 226.81
TOTAL PAID: 226.81

TOTALS
389.04
0.00
0.00
0.00
-162.23
226.81
226.81

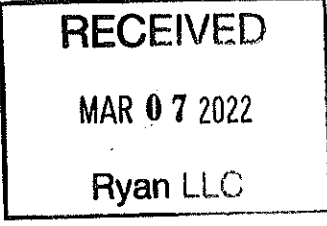
*** PAYMENTS ***

TYPE	CYCLE	DATE	ADJ	TERM/BATCH/SEQ	INST	AMOUNT	INTEREST	LIENS	FEES	TOTALS
Ref	9	03/01/2022		80/174/1	T	-162.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	-162.23
Adj	9	03/01/2022	05862M	80/173/1	T	-162.23	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pmt	1	07/28/2021		89/1024/69	T	389.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	389.04
TOTAL PAYMENTS						226.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	226.81

TOTAL BALANCE DUE AS OF 03/01/2022

INT DUE
LIEN DUE
FEES DUE
TAX DUE NOW
TOT DUE NOW
BALANCE AMT

*** FLAGS ***
Circuit Breaker Amt 0
Invalid Address Flag No
Last Adjustment Reason CANCELLED PLATES/SOLD APRIL



REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES

Sec. 12-81(20), Sec. 12-124, 12-125, 12-126, 12-127, 12-127a, 12-128, 12-129 Rev. as Amended
This is to certify that VW CREDIT LEASING LTD

has presented satisfactory proof that he/she is entitled to an exemption on the assessment list of 10/01/2020

- ☐ Sec. 12-81 (20) Servicemen Having Disability Rating.
- ☐ Sec. 12-124 Abatement to poor.
- ☐ Sec. 12-125 Abatement of Taxes of Corporations.
- ☐ Sec. 12-126 Tangible Personal Property Assessed in more than one Municipality.
- ☐ Sec. 12-127 Abatement or Refund to Blind Persons.
- ☐ Sec. 12-127A Abatement of Taxes on Structures of Historical or Architectural Merit.
- ☐ Sec. 12-128 Refund of Taxes Erroneously Collected from Veterans and Relatives.
- ☒ Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

VW CREDIT LEASING LTD
1401 FRANKLIN BLVD
LIBERTYVILLE, IL 60048-4460

2020-03-0052846
52846
/AP72977/3VWC57BU2KM032503



2020030052846

To DEBORAH DEVAUX Collector of **KENT** State of Connecticut.

I hereby apply for refund* of such part of my tax as shall represent:

The service exemption or Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.
(State reason -- Cross out service exemption if it does not apply)

		Tax	Interest	Lien	Fee	Total	Overpaid Tax
Total Due	07/01/2021	183.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	183.77	
Total Paid	07/20/2021	220.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.61	-36.84 ***
Adjusted Refund		-36.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	36.84	

PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND DATE BELOW:

I am entitled to this refund because I made the payments from funds under my control, and no other party will be requesting this refund. I understand that false or deliberately misleading statements subject me to penalties for perjury and/or for obtaining money under false pretenses.

Print Name

Lauren Jordan

Signature of Taxpayer

2/18/22
Date

COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY

To the First Selectman, or

It is recommended that refund* of property taxes and interest in the amount of 36.84
be made to the above-named taxpayer in accordance with the provisions of Section (s):

Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

DATED AT KENT, CONNECTICUT THIS 15 DAY OF February 2022

DEBORAH DEVAUX

ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BODY

The First Selectman, as authorized by the Board of Selectman, or
approved on the _____ day of _____ 2022. It was voted to refund
Property Taxes and Interest amounting to \$ _____ to _____.

First Selectman

Other Governing Body

Clerk

Mail To : DEBORAH DEVAUX
KENT
PO BOX 311
KENT, CT 06757



2020030052846

GENERAL DATA MOTOR VEHICLE KENT

AS OF 02/15/2022

BILL NO: 2020-03-0052846 NAME: VW CREDIT LEASING LTD
UNIQUE ID: 52846 C/O:
LINK #: 2020-MV-0001761 ADDRESS: 1401 FRANKLIN BLVD
FILE#: M005 ADDRESS2: LIBERTYVILLE IL 60048-4460
BANK: CITY ST ZIP:
ESCROW: COUNTRY:
DMV CIVLS: 139869-5040362-Y
DISTRICT: YR/MAKE/MDL
PROP ASSESSED: 11,880 REG/CL/ID
EXEMPTIONS: 2019 / VOLKS / JETTA S
COC CHANGE: -1,984 AP72977/1 / 3VWC57BU2KM032503
COC #: 05855M ASSMNT CHANGE: -1,984
EXEMPT Change: TOWN BENEFIT 0.00
NET VALUE: 9,896 REG# EXPR:
DMV CIVLS: 139869-5040362-Y

MILL RATE: 18.5700

*** BILLED ***

	TOWN
INST1	220.61
INST2	0.00
INST3	0.00
INST4	0.00
ADJS	-36.84
TOT TAX	183.77
TOTAL PAID:	183.77

TOTALS
220.61
0.00
0.00
0.00
-36.84
183.77
183.77

*** PAYMENTS ***

TYPE	CYCLE	DATE	ADJ	TERM/BATCH/SEQ	INST	AMOUNT	INTEREST	LIENS	FEES	TOTALS
Ref	8	02/15/2022		80/170/1	T	-36.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	-36.84
Adj	8	02/15/2022	05855M	80/169/1	T	-36.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pmt	1	07/20/2021		89/1016/22	T	220.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.61
TOTAL PAYMENTS						183.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	183.77

TOTAL BALANCE DUE AS OF 02/15/2022

INT DUE
LIEN DUE
FEES DUE
TAX DUE NOW
TOT DUE NOW
BALANCE AMT
*** FLAGS ***
Circuit Breaker Amt 0 Benefit Year
Invalid Address Flag No
Last Adjustment Reason CANCELLED PLATES/SOLD JULY

3033 6070 09882 09882

REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES

Sec. 12-81(20), Sec. 12-124, 12-125, 12-126, 12-127, 12-127a, 12-128, 12-129 Rev. as Amended
This is to certify that VCFS AUTO LEASING CO

has presented satisfactory proof that he/she is entitled to an exemption on the assessment list of 10/01/2020

- ☐ Sec. 12-81 (20) Servicemen Having Disability Rating.
☐ Sec. 12-124 Abatement to poor.
☐ Sec. 12-125 Abatement of Taxes of Corporations.
☐ Sec. 12-126 Tangible Personal Property Assessed in more than one Municipality.
☐ Sec. 12-127 Abatement or Refund to Blind Persons.
☐ Sec. 12-127A Abatement of Taxes on Structures of Historical or Architectural Merit.
☐ Sec. 12-128 Refund of Taxes Erroneously Collected from Veterans and Relatives.
☐ Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

VCFS AUTO LEASING CO
1800 VOLVO PL
MAHWAH, NJ 07430-2032

2020-04-0080541
80541
/BA10857/YV4162UM1M2450839



2020040080541

To **DEBORAH DEVAUX** Collector of **KENT** State of Connecticut.

I hereby apply for refund* of such part of my tax as shall represent:

The service exemption or
(State reason -- Cross out service exemption if it does not apply)

		Tax	Interest	Lien	Fee	Total	Overpaid Tax
Total Due	01/01/2022	310.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	310.40	
Total Paid	01/31/2022	443.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	443.49	-133.09 ***
Adjusted Refund		-133.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	133.09	

PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND DATE BELOW:

I am entitled to this refund because I made the payments from funds under my control, and no other party will be requesting this refund. I understand that false or deliberately misleading statements subject me to penalties for perjury and/or for obtaining money under false pretenses.

DONNA HARRELL

Print Name

Signature of Taxpayer

Date

VCFS AUTO LEASING COMPANY

COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING BODY

To the First Selectman, or

It is recommended that refund* of property taxes and interest in the amount of 133.09
be made to the above-named taxpayer in accordance with the provisions of Section (s):

DATED AT KENT, CONNECTICUT THIS 15 DAY OF February 2022

DEBORAH DEVAUX

ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BODY

The First Selectman, as authorized by the Board of Selectman, or
approved on the _____ day of _____ 2022. It was voted to refund
Property Taxes and Interest amounting to \$ _____ to _____.

First Selectman

Other Governing Body

Clerk

Mail To : DEBORAH DEVAUX
KENT
PO BOX 311
KENT, CT 06757



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GENERAL DATA MV SUPPLEMENTAL KENT

AS OF 02/15/2022

BILL NO: 2020-04-0080541
UNIQUE ID: 80541
LINK #: 2020-MS-0000425
FILE#: 140173-6061814-Y
BANK: 140173-6061814-Y
ESCROW: 140173-6061814-Y
DMV CIVLS: 140173-6061814-Y
DISTRICT: 28,670
PROP ASSESSED: 28,670
EXEMPTIONS: -7,167
COC CHANGE: 05856S
COC #: 05856S
EXEMPT Change: 16,715
NET VALUE: 16,715
DMV CIVLS: 140173-6061814-Y

NAME: VCFS AUTO LEASING CO
C/O: 1800 VOLVO PL
ADDRESS: MAHWAH NJ 07430-2032
ADDRESS2:
CITY ST ZIP:
COUNTRY:

YR/MAKE/MDL 2021 / VOLVO / XC40 T5
REG/CL/ID BA10857/1 / YV4162UM1M2450839
MONTH CODE: C
ASSMNT CHANGE: -7,167
TOWN BENEFIT 0.00
REG# EXPR:

CURRENT VEHICLE... Value: 28,670 Credit: 4,788 Prorate: 23,882
OLD VEHICLE... Value: 0 Credit: 0 ADJ VAL: 23,882
MILL RATE: 18.5700

*** BILLED ***

INST1 TOWN
INST2 443.49
INST3 0.00
INST4 0.00
ADJS -133.09
TOT TAX 310.40
TOTAL PAID: 310.40

TOTALS
443.49
0.00
0.00
0.00
-133.09
310.40
310.40

*** PAYMENTS ***

TYPE	CYCLE	DATE	ADJ	TERM/BATCH/SEQ	INST	AMOUNT	INTEREST	LIENS	FEES	TOTALS
Ref	8	02/15/2022		80/170/2	T	-133.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	-133.09
Adj	8	02/15/2022	05856S	80/169/2	T	-133.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Pmt	7	01/31/2022		89/1079/44	T	443.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	443.49
TOTAL PAYMENTS						310.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	310.40

TOTAL BALANCE DUE AS OF 02/15/2022

INT DUE
LIEN DUE
FEES DUE
TAX DUE NOW
TOT DUE NOW
BALANCE AMT
*** FLAGS ***
Circuit Breaker Amt 0
Invalid Address Flag No
Last Adjustment Reason CANCELLED PLATES/SOLD-JUNE
Benefit Year 0

Sec. 12-81(20), Sec. 12-124, 12-125, 12-126, 12-127, 12-127a, 12-128, 12-129 Rev. as Amended
This is to certify that SCRIBNER GLORIA

- ☐ Sec. 12-81 (20) Servicemen Having Disability Rating.
- ☐ Sec. 12-124 Abatement to poor.
- ☐ Sec. 12-125 Abatement of Taxes of Corporations.
- ☐ Sec. 12-126 Tangible Personal Property Assessed in more than one Municipality.
- ☐ Sec. 12-127 Abatement or Refund to Blind Persons.
- ☐ Sec. 12-127A Abatement of Taxes on Structures of Historical or Architectural Merit.
- ☐ Sec. 12-128 Refund of Taxes Erroneously Collected from Veterans and Relatives.
- ☒ Sec. 12-129 Refund of Excess Payments.

2020010001642

Mail To : DEBORAH DEVAUX
KENT
PO BOX 311
KENT, CT 06757



2020010001642

GENERAL DATA REAL ESTATE KENT

AS OF 03/08/2022

BILL NO: 2020-01-0001642 ORIGINAL OWNER: SCRIBNER GLORIA
UNIQUE ID: 00047400 C/O:
LINK# ADDRESS: PO BOX 492
FILE# ADDRESS2: KENT CT 06757
BANK: 20 CITY ST ZIP:
ESCROW: COUNTRY: 29 ELIZABETH ST
VOL/PAGE: 189-967 PROP LOC.:
LIEN VOL/PAGE: EXR PROP LOC:
DISTRICT: M/B/L: 19 14 9
PROP ASSESSED: 121,100 ELD CODE: 0
EXEMPTIONS: EXMPT CHANGE:
COC CHANGE:
NET VALUE: 121,100
MILL RATE: 18.5700

*** BILLED ***
INST1 TOWN
INST2 1,124.42
INST3 1,124.42
INST4 0.00
ADJS 0.00
TOT TAX 2,248.84
TOTAL PAID: 2,248.84
TOTALS
1,124.42
1,124.42
0.00
0.00
0.00
2,248.84
2,248.84

*** PAYMENTS ***

TYPE	CYCLE	DATE	ADJ	TERM/BATCH/SEQ	INST	AMOUNT	INTEREST	LIENS	FEES	TOTALS
Ref	9	03/08/2022		80/177/6	T	-1,124.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	-1,124.42
Pmt	7	01/24/2022	0	89/1073/38	T	1,124.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,124.42
Pmt	7	01/19/2022		89/1072/62	T	1,124.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,124.42
Pmt	1	07/20/2021		89/1015/20	T	1,124.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,124.42
TOTAL PAYMENTS						2,248.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,248.84

TOTAL BALANCE DUE AS OF 03/08/2022

INT DUE
LIEN DUE
FEES DUE
TAX DUE NOW
TOT DUE NOW
BALANCE DUE
TOWN
0.00
0.00
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0.00

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Circuit Breaker Amount 0 Benefit Year 0
Invalid Address Flag No

Profile: Community Health & Wellness Center (CHWC)

CHWC is an award-winning FQHC that provides high-quality integrated medical, behavioral health, and specialty care to patients, without regard for their ability to pay, using a multi-sector approach to strengthen overall community and population health. This November marks our 20 Year anniversary!

Overview

CHWC's story starts from a grass roots movement in the Torrington area that was grown from a two-room off-site clinic originally part of the Charlotte Hungerford Hospital on the campus of Brooker Memorial Pediatric Dental Practice. The small clinic could no longer be supported financially by the hospital due to the large number of people coming through who were either uninsured or underinsured. This demonstrated the critical need for access to affordable health care services for individuals living at or below poverty levels. In 2002 we began operating and in 2009, we acquired designation as a federally qualified health center. We are one of 17 in the state and the only one serving the northwest corner. Since then, the center has grown services to 30,000 visits per year between two state-of the art facilities: A 34,000 square foot facility in Torrington where renovations and construction were completed at the end of 2014; and a 7,300 square foot renovated building in Winsted that was completed in July of 2019. As it turns out, both buildings were originally longstanding family owned grocery stores that had been landmarks for the community and the neighborhoods. And we are happy that CHWC has been able to carry on that legacy in those same locations. We hope to soon add a third location with a 7,400 square foot newly constructed facility in the town of North Canaan that will offer primary care, mental health and chiropractic services.

What distinguishes an FQHC (Federally Qualified Health Center) and the work Community Health and Wellness does?

FQHCS are established as the safety net providers of the communities we serve, providing high quality care for anyone that comes through our doors. We turn no one away, regardless of insurance status because we believe access to health care is a right and not a privilege. Our unique models offer one stop care delivery, with all services under one roof in order to eliminate barriers to care, like lack of transportation. Our goal is to make access easier for our patients, and ensure there are no factors contributing to gaps. Considering this, we provide services that include, primary care, dental and behavioral health and many FQHCs have specialties on site. For example, CHWC also offers the services of a chiropractor who helps to manage chronic pain issues and a podiatrist whose services are critically important to foot care, especially for certain patient populations such as those who are diagnosed with diabetes. We also have an onsite pharmacy, that delivers and participates in the Federal 340B program, offering medication at a discount. We have an onsite lab at both our Torrington and Winsted locations so patients can get their lab work done before they leave. We employ Community Health Workers that can meet with patients and help to address social needs for things like arranging transportation for appointments and referrals to our community partners for things like housing. This week we

launched an Allergy Clinic at our Torrington location and received a grant in 2021 to expand our school-based health clinics to the Torrington school district. We are funded partially by grants that support some salaries as well as patient programs.

Another important focus for us is to be an active partner and interface with the communities we serve, increasing access to affordable healthcare. We want to be collaborative in how we address the issue of lack of access to primary care, especially in rural parts of the state. Last year we purchased a mobile medical unit, AKA BETTY, so that we could go to where people are that need access to care. While it is not a permanent solution, it is a good interim plan, as we work with our community partners, including many of those in the northwest corner, to establish a more permanent solution.

Lastly, by the end of the year we hope our application will be approved to be an accredited Diabetes center. Our on-site registered dietician and certified diabetes educator and her team of life-style coaches, will not only be able to address issues unique to patients with a diagnosis of Diabetes or pre-diabetes, but works with patients every day who have other chronic conditions such as HTN, to formulate a healthy diet and lifestyle plan that can sometimes make a big difference in people's lives and future wellness.

Overview of project in North Canaan

Community Health & Wellness (CHWC) received a grant for \$1,333,265 from the Foundation for Community Health (FCH) in Sharon, toward the total cost of \$5,400,000 to establish a Federally Qualified Community Health Center (FQHC) in North Canaan, Connecticut. These funds cover Phase I costs related to the purchase of the property on East Main Street, preliminary building expenses, the hiring of an engineer and architect, and costs associated with fees and permits.

Phase II will include the construction of a 7,200 sq. ft., two-story building on East Main Street in North Canaan. Demolition is planned to start in the next two weeks. We are waiting for an answer on our bond request to be able to start construction.

When completed, the new and only FQHC in Northwest CT will provide quality integrated Primary Care and Behavioral Health services in one location for residents of North Canaan and its surrounding towns, who currently need to travel to either to access comprehensive, affordable health care. The availability of affordable, high-quality medical services will serve as a support to local businesses in attracting and retaining workers and contribute positively to the area's economic growth by adding jobs. The purpose in the northwest corner is more than just a focus on the uninsured or those living at poverty levels, as there is a misconception that does not exist, but it is also to play a critical role in helping to establish access to primary care where there is a general lack of that resource and where the need will only continue to grow and reach a critical point in the next two years.

Thank you!

Joanne Borduas, BSN,MSN, MBA

CEO

Community Health and Wellness Center

(860)3-87-0425

jborduas@chwctorr.org



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Re: U.S. Bicycle Route 7 - Kent segment

1 message

Jean Conlon Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>

Mon, Mar 7, 2022 at 11:04 AM

To: Dan Bolognani <dbolognani@housatonicheritage.org>

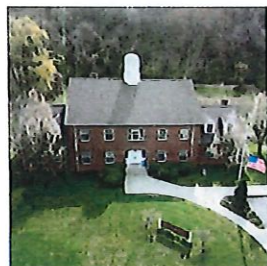
Cc: Rick Osborne <publicworks@townofkentct.org>, Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Hi Dan,

This is an exciting initiative! We'll get the MOU on the agenda for the next Board of Selectmen meeting, which is scheduled for March 17th. Once I get approval for to sign the MOU, I'll get it back to you and hand off to our Road Foreman, Rick Osborne, for the install of the signs (I've cc'd in this response so you have his contact info).

Thank you for your dedication to this project!

Stay well,
jean

**Jean Speck (she, her, hers)**

First Selectman, Town of Kent

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On Thu, Mar 3, 2022 at 11:28 AM Dan Bolognani <dbolognani@housatonicheritage.org> wrote:

Hi Jean, I hope you're well!

Unsure if you were on the Feb. 10 meeting of the NHCOC, though I had given a brief presentation about the regional bikeway: [Western New England Greenway / U.S. Bicycle Route 7](#) that goes through Kent.

In partnership with the 11 municipalities that initially came together to get the U.S. Bicycle Route designated, we're pleased to assist the project by providing roadway directional signs for each town along the route.

The fact sheet / basic agreement contains three basic items:

- States that Housatonic Heritage agrees to purchase and deliver MUTCD-compliant roadway directional signs.
- Asks that municipalities assist by having their town highway crew install them on indicated municipal roadways (approx. 7 signposts in Salisbury).
- Asks if the town will file an encroachment permit with ConnDOT so that we may hire a contractor for installation where those signs are in the state highway right-of-way (approx. 3 signposts in Salisbury).

Attached:

- Agreement / information sheet
- Excel sheet with GPS locations of the signposts (The proposed locations (GPs coordinates) for all CT signpost locations are in this [Google Map](#))

Last thought – I would be pleased to work with a municipal liaison if you would like to appoint a person to work directly with us on implementing this sign program, and on any future initiatives that may directly affect Salisbury's portion of the bikeway.

I'd be very happy to call or stop by to discuss and answer any questions about this proposal.

Best,

Dan

Dan Bolognani

Executive Director

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TOWN OF KENT, CONNECTICUT

POLLINATOR PATHWAY RESOLUTION

The undersigned hereby certifies that they are the duly elected Town Clerk of the Town of Kent, which municipality is organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut (the "Municipality"). The undersigned further certifies that the following is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted at a meeting of the of Board of Selectmen of Kent duly called and held on the 17th day of March, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting throughout.

WHEREAS, pollinators are in decline due to destruction and fragmentation of habitat from development, a lack of native plants due to an increase of invasive species, inappropriate and excessive use of pesticides, and a lawn culture that promotes turf grass monoculture which offers no benefits to pollinators and other wildlife;

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as bees, birds, butterflies and other pollinating insects are vital to maintaining healthy and diverse ecosystems;

WHEREAS, pollination is responsible for most of the food we eat;

WHEREAS, five native bee species are threatened, endangered or of special concern in Connecticut and a downward trend is seen in species diversity of bees, butterflies, birds, and many other animals;

WHEREAS, the Town of Kent is cognizant of the need for safe and healthy landscapes for its residents and habitat for important pollinators;

WHEREAS, recent scientific research supports the benefits of restoring and reconnecting isolated patches of habitat;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THE TOWN OF KENT, CONNECTICUT does hereby recognize and support the tenets of the Pollinator Pathway Northeast initiative, which are to encourage all residents and the municipality to:

- Refrain from broadcast spraying of herbicides as a vegetation-control measure in all municipal management (e.g., guardrails, roadsides, culverts, Town-owned lands). If herbicides are indicated as part of a treatment plan for invasive plants, use manual application limited to the minimum necessary to implement the treatment plan.
- Refrain from pesticide spraying of building foundations and the use of poisoned bait traps in Town-managed buildings except as required for public safety and limited to the minimum necessary to address the safety issue (e.g., wasp nest directly above frequently-used doorway).
- Encourage new plantings on municipal lands to include at least 70% native plants chosen to support pollinators and birds, and requiring minimal maintenance. Maintenance activities that disturb habitat including ground disturbance, deadheading, and leaf removal should be avoided. (see www.pollinator-pathway.org for helpful lists).

- Celebrate and implement the “No Mow May” concept by delaying mowing of municipally-managed lawn areas until June 1st or later. Support this initiative with signage explaining to residents why the town is participating in this worthy initiative.
- Follow best practices for garden clean up: clean up in the spring, allow plant heads to remain through winter to provide food for wildlife, keep plant stalks standing and leave snags of dead wood for native bees to nest, leave the leaves on flower beds through fall and winter to provide habitat, soil nourishment and protection for overwintering pollinators;
- Set a goal of decreasing the lawn area around Town-owned buildings by 10% this year, and replanting former lawn areas with native trees, shrubs and perennial non-woody plants.
- Protect and enrich soil by using organic yard-care practices and avoiding application of synthetic fertilizers, pesticides and treated mulch, and leave some areas of bare ground for ground-nesting bees;
- Create signage and communications to explain the Town’s strategy with respect to native plants and pollinators.

Given under my hand as Town Clerk of Kent this 17th day of March, 2022.

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Title: Town Clerk

To: Board of Selectmen

From: Mike Gawel
Streetscape Building Committee Chairman

Re: Streetscape Contractor Bid Review

Date: March 15, 2022

At the Thursday, March 10, 2022, meeting the Streetscape Building Committee made the following recommendations in the form of motions:

1. Recommend the Board of Selectmen award the Phase I project to the Mather Corporation. They are fully qualified and of the three bidders, they had the only complete bid package. Mather Corporation also happened to be the low bidder.
2. Recommend the Board of Selectmen choose asphalt sidewalks (please view photo on 2nd page) as opposed to concrete sidewalks. Our reasons are as follows:
 - Safety First: Asphalt has a darker surface and absorbs the heat from the sun causing snow and ice to melt much quicker than concrete.
 - Asphalt is a more flexible pavement. No construction joints needed. The two guarantees of concrete are that the color is gray, and it always cracks. When concrete cracks, it is prone to shifting due to frost heaving.
 - Salt is generously applied to the sidewalks in town to control winter ice conditions. Rock salt accelerates the deterioration of concrete. Asphalt is not affected by rock salt.
 - Functionality: There is not much difference – asphalt is somewhat smoother as there are no construction joints.
 - Longevity: Concrete has a longer life expectancy than asphalt. Concrete 20 years and asphalt 15 years as per sidewalk design firm.
 - Cost: As per the streetscape project lowest bid from Mather Corporation – Phase I project cost for the concrete will be approximately \$525,500.00. Deduct \$255,918.00 for asphalt, leaving Phase I project cost for asphalt of approximately \$266,632.00.
 - Value engineering: Cost during life cycle = Longevity / unit cost = cost per year
Asphalt: $\text{xxx years} / \text{xxx/sq ft} =$ $\text{Concrete yyy years} / \text{yyy/sq ft} =$
Value engineering for concrete is \$26,275.00 per year. Value engineering for asphalt is \$17,975.00 per year, proving asphalt to be the better value.
 - Repairs: repairs to asphalt are less costly than concrete.
3. Recommend the Board of Selectmen research and hire either a retired engineer or equivalent to oversee the day-to-day operations of this Phase I project. Mike Doherty said during our meeting that he could likely recommend such a person.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations.





Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Kent Sidewalks

1 message

Lu S <a.musedlu@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 17, 2022 at 2:56 PM

To: bos@townofkentct.org, selectmen@townofkentct.org

Dear Kent Board of Selectmen,

I'm taking time from preparations for my mother's memorial, to write you; the shock and disappointment of news on this matter cut through my grief, and impacted me enough to lead me to pause amid my grief, in order to lend my voice to those of fellow constituents.

Before I address the issue, however,

I'd like to thank you for your service to Kent, and for the efforts you are making on our behalf. I have served on nonprofit boards, and while not quite the same as a Town board, I do know how hard it can be to address issues within budgetary constraints, while trying to if not please, at least appease all impacted by your decisions.

I've only been a citizen of Kent for a short time, having joined my new partner here in Kent shortly before COVID hit. I've lived in a number of places, both in the US and abroad, and have traveled extensively round-the-world. While I'm not an expert on the issue of concrete versus asphalt, I *am* well aware of what make a destination attractive, and helps bring important revenue to a location, not to mention the nuances which create a wonderful living environment.

I can tell you that Kent is known widely for her charm, and generally, asphalt doesn't lend to aesthetic charm — in life there are costs greater than the bottom line, and damaging Kent's reputation for charm could prove quite costly in the long run. Such a reputation must be guarded carefully, and once one begins to make exceptions here and there "just this once," it can quickly snowball. If one fails to take the wholistic longview of a place into consideration, it can be easy to justify what seems like a wise solution in the moment. I strongly encourage you not to make this error. And remember — first impressions mean everything. Sidewalks contribute to the shape of Kent's first impression upon visitors, not to mention prospective future businesses or residents.

Furthermore, personal experience — and again, I'm no expert — has demonstrated asphalt to be far more slippery in inclement weather, and more dangerous for pets or young children in summer's heat (have you ever seen a young child whose hands have been burnt on asphalt? I have), and tends to crack and bulge more quickly. While these are anecdotal in nature, I do encourage you to research these issues more closely — and again, to consider the aesthetic impact, as well.

This is my first time voicing a concern to the Board; ones doesn't like to make waves when new in a place. However, Kent had grown quite dear to my heart, and I could not let this slip by without lending my voice to the discussion — even amid my grief.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my thoughts on the matter.

Sincerely,
Laura Saba
11 Woodin Road
Kent, CT 06757



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Jack Kinney <jkinney@payrollease.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Thu, Mar 17, 2022 at 1:12 PM

Concrete! As a business owner by Webster Bank and a longtime Kent resident I'd like my tax dollars spent well, concrete is the way to go

Jack Kinney

Jack C Kinney Jr EA

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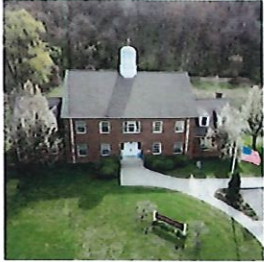
Fwd: Sidewalk Construction

1 message

Jean Conlon Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>
To: Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Thu, Mar 17, 2022 at 10:54 AM

for the pdf...

**Jean Speck (she, her, hers)**

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From: **Eric Epstein** <ewepstein19@gmail.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 17, 2022 at 10:09 AM

Subject: Sidewalk Construction

To: Jean Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>, Glenn Sanchez <Glennsanchez@townofkentct.org>, Rufus P de Rham <Rufuspderham@townofkentct.org>

Dear Jean, Glenn, and Rufus,

I understand sidewalk construction material is on your meeting agenda today. I also see that the support for concrete continues to be the overwhelming choice of the residents and business owners.

From the beginning of this long process, concrete has always been the preferred choice. At the public hearing held in the fall of 2019, the residents advocated strongly for concrete construction.

I urge you to approve the concrete construction for this project and listen to the wishes of the residents of Kent.

Best,
Eric



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Andrea Schoeny <andreaschoeny@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 1:32 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Hello BOS,

I have been following the Streetscape Subcommittee meetings. I'm writing in support of concrete sidewalks with granite curbs. Concrete will last longer and is more even than asphalt.

As someone who walks Main Street (with a stroller) at least 5 days per week, I look forward to a smoother walk (and ride) and for it to look better. The concrete sidewalks will match the current concrete curb cuts. My hope, also, is that it will be VERY clear that the sidewalk is not a part of the road if it is concrete instead of asphalt. It is very difficult to navigate in through town with a stroller when people park on the sidewalks. (Don't even get me started about the lack of enforcement... another issue for another day, I suppose.)

I know some members of the committee don't care what it looks like, but to be honest, Kent is a place that cares about its appearance. As a whole, we rely on tourist dollars, and those tourists park, then walk. We want it to be safe and pleasing to walk to businesses, for residents and visitors alike.

Thanks for your time,

Andrea



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Barbara Marcone <barbaramarcone@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Thu, Mar 17, 2022 at 5:35 AM

Please, consider concrete as the right choice for our town's sidewalks. As a resident I want to make my opinion known...I want concrete!
Barbara Marcone
23 Lane Street

3/16/22

To: Town of Kent Ct.

We write to support concrete
sidewalks. Our opinion
is that concrete walks are
superior to other materials.

Bill + Marion Whynott



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Hedy Kinney <hkinney@payrollease.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 11:22 AM

Concrete. Best long term product with least repairs over time.

Thank you

Hedy

Hedy Kinney

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Sidewalks

1 message

Market <market@jpgifford.com>

Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 9:52 AM

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Dear Selectmen of Kent,

Towns that thrive invest in their downtowns, we are fortunate to own a business in a community that supports us and has always invested in the town.

Cost is always a factor.....but as a tax payer the cost benefit of having a long term durable (non petroleum based) athletically pleasing project makes the most sense.

Please consider the benefits of using concrete over paving, thank you for your time and commitment to our town.

Best,

James Neunzig

Chef / Owner

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Jean Conlon Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

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Thanks for your time,

Andrea



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

mmcwhinney@att.net <mmcwhinney@att.net>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 2:58 PM

Dear madam and sirs:

In addition to being a former member of Kent's Board of Finance, I am also president of the Kent Hills III condos, up the hill behind the IGA. It is fair to say that most of our residents are senior citizens, with quite a few already in their 80s.

I am writing to recommend/request that we use concrete for our exciting Sidewalks Project. If we're going to spend that much money, we have to do it right. Asphalt chips and develops "pot holes" much more easily than concrete, making our new sidewalks problematic for wheelchairs, walkers, and canes.

In addition to making the downtown area more visually appealing, the Sidewalks Project is also motivated by safety. And asphalt would present yet another safety concern. We won't have solved the problem despite the expense. What a waste.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark C. McWhinney

Mark C McWhinney

80 North Main St., Unit 23

Kent, CT 06757

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mmcwhinney@att.net



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Streetscape - material of choice

1 message

Jee Mee Kim <kimjeemee@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 6:53 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I want to share my strong recommendation to use concrete as the material of choice for the streetscape project. I am a 20+ year transportation consultant and have served as a Deputy Commissioner for the NYC Dept of Transportation. This is a no-brainer.

Thank you,
Jee Mee Kim
[80 Kent Hollow Road](#)
[South Kent, CT 06785](#)



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Decision on Kent Sidewalk Materials

1 message

Julia Samartini <juliasam7@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 7:32 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I strongly recommend that that material used to improve our Kent downtown sidewalks be CONCRETE. Asphalt has been used in various other parts of town and I have observed that it often does not endure successfully. The concrete is a much better decision fiscally for our town.

Julia Samartini



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Cynthia Merritt <cynthiaallenmerritt@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 7:37 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

In consideration of the sidewalks on the agenda, this taxpayer votes for concrete.

Based on esthetics, safety, repair of smaller sections if needed with out it looking like patchwork and creating uneven surfaces that would be created with asphalt repairs. Just compare area towns , The difference in concrete vs asphalt is obvious that concrete is the way to go.

Thank you
Cindy Merritt

March 15, 2022

To the Board of Selectmen, Town of Kent,

As a member of the Streetscape Building Committee, as well as its two predecessors, I wish to present the dissenting view of our Committee's recommendation that asphalt be used for our new sidewalk surfaces.

You may know that the vote was 3 to 2, with one member abstaining, so it was far from a resounding recommendation.

Asphalt has long been the standard for parks, campuses, and the like. But concrete has been the standard for towns and cities, and for good reason.

Engineers tell us that asphalt will have a life expectancy of 15 years, and concrete 20 years. But I think we can all agree that our new sidewalks will be expected to last much longer than that. I point to the sidewalks around the Town Hall. I believe they are at least 25 years old. They could use a little repair, but they are substantially in very good shape. When we consider the real lifespan of concrete, the cost difference per year narrows considerably. And why would we want the Town to have to pay to replace sidewalks and disturb businesses any sooner than necessary?

Asphalt has a darker color than concrete, so ice does melt faster on asphalt when it is in the sun. But I refer again to the concrete walks around Town Hall. I have never had a problem walking on those walks after snow and ice. They have always been well cleared. I have had the same experience on concrete sidewalks in other towns. And the fact that concrete will remain flatter than asphalt over time means that it will be easier to clear snow away.

Asphalt will also get hotter than concrete in summer. I measured the surface temperature of asphalt and concrete around Town Hall and on Cape Cod last summer, using an infrared sensor. During the hottest part of days, asphalt would often reach 130 to 135 degrees (see photo). Nearby concrete in similar exposure was consistently 10-15 degrees cooler. This means a significant difference in comfort for the pedestrians that we want to patronize our shops.

Asphalt has a plasticity and flexibility to it. That means that it ripples and buckles more readily than concrete. When the asphalt gets soft in summer it is much more susceptible to damage from vehicles that will inevitably drive on it. Concrete will hold up much better to vehicles and other abuse.

When concrete buckles it can be ground down to maintain flush surfaces at joints, or it can be cut out and replaced.







Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk material

1 message

Alexandra DiPentima <obd446@gmail.com>

Wed, Mar 16, 2022 at 8:20 AM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Please consider concrete rather than asphalt for the sidewalks of Kent. Thank you. Tony and Randy DiPentima



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

I prefer concrete sidewalks...

1 message

'Kathryn McAuliffe' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 5:32 PM

Reply-To: Kathryn McAuliffe <kwmcauliffe@mac.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

....for the town of Kent. They are durable, have longevity and are attractive. Our town deserves quality materials.

Kathryn McAuliffe



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Cheryl Gould <cherylann.gould@gmail.com>
To: Selectmen@townofkentct.org

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 11:38 AM

Greetings! I have been a homeowner in Kent for over 30 years and love the character of the town. It's a gem! I am aware of a discussion going on about the new sidewalks. If I may offer my opinion, concrete is preferable to asphalt. I have lived with both in various places, and without a doubt cement is better aesthetically as well as functionally. Thank you so much for considering my opinion.

Cheryl Gould



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

paving decision

1 message

Georgianne Kent <georgiannekent@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 11:32 AM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Dear Selectmen:

I do hope that you are going to choose concrete paving and granite curbing as opposed to asphalt for the Sidewalk Improvement Project. It would be a shame to go through all of this work and exploration and then use the inferior material to complete it. Especially as the funding is there to support it. People come to Kent because it is beautiful. Let's keep it that way.

Sincerely,

Georgianne Ensign Kent



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk project in support of concrete.

1 message

'Steve vaughn' via Selectman <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 10:40 AM

Reply-To: Steve vaughn <skiffmtfarm@yahoo.com>

To: Selectmen@townofkentct.org

Cc: Glenn Sanchez <glenn.sanchez@marvelwood.org>

To whom it may concern,

I feel the Town of Kent would be best served by the installation of concrete sidewalks. It will give the Village a look of professionalism as well as better durability.

I encourage your consideration in support of concrete rather than asphalt.

Thank you.

Stephen Vaughn

Sent from my iPad
Stephen R. Vaughn
Kent, CT
USA



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Streetscape Project Materials

1 message

George Potts <gpotts@snet.net>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 10:12 AM

To the Town of Kent, CT Board of Selectmen

Dear Jean, Rufus and Glenn,

As a 40+ year resident of North Main Street here in Kent, I am writing to express my support of the use of concrete paving and granite curbing for town's upcoming Streetscape Sidewalk Improvement Project. Since all of the funding is there, and virtually every Connecticut town redoing their sidewalks in the past few decades has used these proven materials, I see no reason to entertain the use of asphalt,

Sincerely,

George Potts
71 North Main Street
Kent, CT 06757-0188
gpotts@snet.net



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

sidewalks

1 message

DeniseBMorocco <dbmorocco@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 12:03 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

To the Town of Kent:

As a taxpayer as well as a designer with over 40 years experience, I prefer the choice of concrete for the material to be used in updating Kent's sidewalks. Concrete is proven to be far more durable than asphalt, and while more expensive in the short term, it is a more cost-effective choice for the long term.

To use asphalt simply because it costs less now would be a short-sighted investment to our beautiful town.

Best regards,
Denise

Denise Morocco
Principal
Kent Interiors, LLC
[21 Muller Road](#)
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Concrete Sidewalks

1 message

Diane Meier <diane@meier.nyc>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 11:58 AM

Given their appearance, and most of all, their durability — I strongly urge you all to vote for concrete sidewalks rather than asphalt.

The fact that this effort is funded by state grant dollars should allow a decision that protects the town for the longest possible duration, and a the longer life-span of this material suggests a decision that will save the town money in the long-run.

V happy to speak to anyone, should they wish to engage.
dm

Diane Meier
diane@meier.nyc
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212 752 0794



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Streetscape 2022

1 message

Elissa Potts <elissa@fifendrum.com>
To: Selectmen@townofkentct.org

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 12:29 PM

To the Kent Selectmen
Jean Speck
Rufus deRahm
Glenn Sanchez

I have been following this project since the original commission was formed. The focus has always been concrete until the 2nd commission was formed. Every surrounding town in Connecticut that has upgraded their sidewalks, has chosen concrete, with either granite, brick or cobblestone as the decorative material.

Please stay the course and vote concrete for Kent.

Elissa Potts

Fife 'n Drum Restaurant, Inn and Gift Shop

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Sidewalks

1 message

'salvador Contreras' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 12:56 PM

Reply-To: salvador Contreras <junior180885@icloud.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I cast my vote for concrete
Salvador Contreras

Enviado desde mi iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Paving options1 message

Martha Holcombe <martha.holcombe@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 12:56 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

To the selectmen:

My husband Tom and I are hoping that the town will choose concrete for the sidewalks!

We have lived in Kent since 1977. We owned a condo from 1995 to 2010 (for the use of my parents), and we've been home owners on Fuller Mt. Road since 1999. I was on the board of Kent Hills Condo I from 2008 to perhaps 2011, and I remember the complaints from condo owners about the use of asphalt there. People did not like the look of asphalt, and I could see their point.

We believe that Kent needs to have concrete sidewalks because they will look better and last longer. Asphalt is a cheap substitute and would cheapen the look of the town to visitors and potential home buyers, and to those of us who already live here.

Sincerely,

Martha [Marty] Holcombe



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Vote on sidewalk material - concrete

1 message

'John Veltri' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 1:22 PM

Reply-To: John Veltri <johnveltri@me.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Dear Ms Speck,

I understand there is a vote on March 17th on paving materials for the sidewalk project. As a resident of Kent who is invested in the quality, beauty and improvement of our Main Street business district, I prefer concrete NOT blacktop for the sidewalks.

Thank you
John

John Veltri
13 Brown Rd
South Kent

Sent from my iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks!

1 message

'Sharon Cipolla' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>
Reply-To: Sharon Cipolla <SCipolla@unionsavings.com>
To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 3:38 PM

As a taxpayer in Kent, I prefer concrete not blacktop for the town of Kent sidewalks.

Thank you.

Sharon E. Cipolla

Asst. Vice President

Branch Manager



15 Kent Green Blvd. | Kent, CT 06757

T: 860-927-2026 | F: 860-927-2027

scipolla@unionsavings.com

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Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Concrete vs Asphalt

1 message

Stephen Morocco <sam21ct@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 4:13 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

After researching many towns in many different states, concrete is by far the most popular way to re-pave downtown sidewalks. The look is most definitely more upscale and can take a beating during our winters way better than asphalt.

Any business along Main St. should choose this option to present their best look. Kent's tourists who spend tons of money on an adventure to Kent would be well-served to traverse the street on concrete. It's simply classier.

Best, S.A.M.



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

I prefer concrete to blacktop for Kent's sidewalks

1 message

Elizabeth Farr <edenkolbfarr@gmail.com>

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 4:21 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Dear Selectmen,

I am a tax-payer in and full-time resident of Kent. I agree with Elissa Potts that we should take a long-term view in replacing our sidewalks and use concrete, which I understand has greater durability. If it costs more in the short term but means we'll spend less over the decades, I am supportive of that decision.

Thank you for your consideration.

Elizabeth Kolb Farr

860-592-0097 (h)

610-308-7849 (c)

edenkolbfarr@gmail.com



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

sidewalks

1 message

drmike yourkentdentist.com <drmike@yourkentdentist.com>

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 4:34 PM

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

my vote is for CONCRETE sidewalks, please.
Thank you for your consideration.

M.G. Monsarrat,

Dr. Michael Monsarrat D.M.D.
37 N. Main St
Kent CT 06757
(860)927-3519



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Kent Vote / Sidewalks

1 message

'Owens, Mark @ New York' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 4:47 PM

Reply-To: "Owens, Mark @ New York" <Mark.K.Owens@cbre.com>

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Board of Selectmen:

I hope that this e-mail finds you well. As a Kent homeowner ([280 Segar Mountain Road](#)), a patron of our business in town, and a commercial real estate professional, I both prefer and strongly recommend we upgrade the sidewalks with concrete. In addition to aesthetics and durability, concrete generally is perceived as having a positive impact on buildings and their surrounding areas.

Best,

-Mark

Mark K. Owens

Executive Vice President & Co-Head of Hospitality Capital Markets

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March 11, 2022

Jean Speck, First Selectman

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PO box 678

41 Kent Green Blvd.

Kent, CT 06757

Dear Selectmen of the Town of Kent,

Please add this letter to those you are receiving regarding the Sidewalk Project.

As a representative of the Library, I am writing to express our support for utilizing concrete for the sidewalk revitalization. As we are located right on Main St., the Library sees significant foot traffic and we benefit from high quality, attractive, and safe sidewalks. We think concrete is a better fit than asphalt to achieve this look and this quality.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Sarah Marshall

Library Director

PO Box 127 Kent CT 06757

T: 860-927-3761

F: 860-927-1427

www.kentmemoriallibrary.org



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

sidewalks

1 message

Stephanie Wargo <stephaniewargo@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 7:35 PM

I prefer concrete over asphalt

Stephanie Wargo

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Stephanie Wargo
860.927.4879 studio / messages / land line



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

'Jean-Marie Horovitz' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>
Reply-To: Jean-Marie Horovitz <jeanmariehorovitz@yahoo.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Fri, Mar 11, 2022 at 6:50 PM

I would like to give my input of concrete vs asphalt. I think that concrete is a better choice. For the safety and aesthetic, concrete is more durable.

Jean-Marie



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

In support of concrete sidewalks

1 message

'Thomas Sebring' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 10:46 AM

Reply-To: Thomas Sebring <tlsebring@aol.com>

To: Selectmen@townofkentct.org

Cc: glenn.sanchez@marvelwood.org

To elected representatives of Kent;

I would like to encourage you to support the use of concrete for the sidewalks in the downtown section of Kent. In addition to the durability and maintenance of concrete the aesthetic will help the overall appearance of a more robust successful downtown in keeping with the quality of merchants in this area. From the standpoint of appearance asphalt looks like the cheap way out.

Sent from my iPad
Tom Sebring
PO Box 458
Kent, CT. 06757-0458



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Kent sidewalks

1 message

'Rosemary Zibell' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 9:46 AM

Reply-To: Rosemary Zibell <rfzibell55@yahoo.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I prefer concrete, not blacktop, for the town of Kent sidewalks. R. Zibell

Sent from my iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Concrete

1 message

Allan Priaulx <allanp82@live.com>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 9:29 PM

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Let's by all means install concrete. It looks best and wears best.

Allan Priaulx

Sent from my iPad



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials

1 message

Sue Edgerly <sueedgerly@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 8:47 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I support CONCRETE as the material for new sidewalks in Kent.

Susanne Edgerly
80 N. Main St., #10
Kent, CT

Sent from my iPad



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Kent sidewalks

1 message

'Beth H Dooley' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 8:41 PM

Reply-To: Beth H Dooley <bethhdooley@aol.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I believe that cement sidewalks are the best choice for Kent.

Sent from my iPad



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk material

1 message

Dana Slaughter <dana99usa@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 8:04 PM

CONCRETE is definitely my choice for the sidewalks in Kent.



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

New Sidewalks

1 message

Lynn Perry <lcaperry@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 7:51 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

It will be wonderful to have new sidewalks in town. It will be most wonderful if they are concrete, a more appealing and more durable material than asphalt.

Thank you,

Lynn Perry and Michael Hallows.



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Gail Tobin <jgtobin1@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 7:49 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Without question concrete is the best option for years of service, safety and appearance.

Sent from my iPad



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

sidewalk material

1 message

Charlotte Lindsey <cpil@snet.net>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 7:43 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I strongly support the use of concrete for the sidewalk project!!!
Charlotte I. Lindsey



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk choice

1 message

Cathe Mazza <mazzac@kent-school.edu>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 6:50 PM

CONCRETE please!
Thanks
Cathe

Sent from my iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials

1 message

Lianna Gantt <millerhouse@live.com>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 6:34 PM

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

It never pays to be pennywise and pound foolish. Please use concrete for the new sidewalks!

Thank you,
Lianna Gantt



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

sidewalk materials

1 message

susan kennedy <Kennedy.sak@att.net>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 6:33 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I support a decision to use concrete for sidewalks in Kent the not asphalt. as a long term investment in the town
Susan Kennedy. 80 No Main Street. 8D.

Sent from my iPhone



Gmail

Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Rob Girard <robgirard124@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Cement sidewalks please. Better in so many ways...aesthetics's, durability, safety - for dogs and people...the heat asphalt throws can be dangerous for dogs.

Sent from my iPad



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Surface Material

1 message

Elyse Sadtler <esadtler@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 6:13 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Hi Jean & board,

I'm so happy bids are in for the sidewalk project! Really looking forward to having NEW, upgraded sidewalks in Kent.

I'm writing to express my support for **concrete** as the sidewalk surface. Until I moved to Kent, I had never before seen asphalt sidewalks, and now I know why. Concrete holds up much better over time (take the concrete sidewalks on the bridge crossing the Housatonic River that were constructed in 1991 and still in great shape), and does not degrade as fast as asphalt. There's a reason you NEVER see asphalt sidewalks in NYC, after all.

As a taxpayer who is helping to pay for this project, I think the most durable materials should be used for maximum longevity.

Feel free to use this email in support of concrete.

Thanks so much!

-Elyse Sadtler
8 Elizabeth St

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-Elyse Sadtler



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk materials

1 message

Edelman.Sandra@dorsey.com <Edelman.Sandra@dorsey.com>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 6:04 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

To the BOS - I support using concrete for the new sidewalk project in Town. Thank you.

Sandra Edelman

Sandra Edelman
Partner
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP
51 West 52nd Street
New York, New York 10019
(212) 415-9269



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Choices

1 message

Dallett, Athenaide <dalletta@kent-school.edu>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 5:41 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Dear Selectmen,

I strongly support using concrete for the Streetscape sidewalks: concrete holds up better over time and thus is more conducive to safety, especially among the elderly.

Thank you,
Athenaide Dallett



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Town sidewalks

1 message

'George-Ann Gowan' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 5:29 PM

Reply-To: George-Ann Gowan <gagowan@icloud.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I vote for concrete. Definitely.
George-Ann Gowan

Sent from my iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk materials

1 message

Peter D'Aprile <peter@kentstationpharmacy.com>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 5:28 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I would just like to voice my support for concrete sidewalks. I feel that, at this point, if this is finally going to get done, it should be made to last. Let's get it right the first time!

Thank You

Peter D'Aprile

Sent from my iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

sidewalks

1 message

'Virginia Bush Suttman' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 5:18 PM

Reply-To: Virginia Bush Suttman <vbushsuttman@aol.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I support the use of concrete for the new sidewalks in Kent.
signed,

Virginia Bush Suttman
8A Bluff Road, Kent, CT 06757
860-927-3684 - vbushsuttman@aol.com



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Concrete

1 message

'Betty Krasne' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 5:17 PM

Reply-To: Betty Krasne <bjkrasne@icloud.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

The only material that holds up is CONCRETE. That is clear from neighboring towns in contrast to Kent.

Betty Krasne

www.bettykrasne.com

souplovers.blogspot.com



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Kent Resident - Sidewalk Pavements

1 message

Melanie Fahey <Mfahey@cleanbeauty.com>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 4:22 PM

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Dear Selectmen.

I have been a resident of Kent for 6 years now and the upcoming question of sidewalks in Kent is near and dear to many of us residents who frequent the town and support the local business owners. My husband has an office in Kent and we are in town daily.

Speaking personally, there is a good reason why all our neighboring towns in Litchfield County have opted for **concrete paving** for their sidewalk improvement projects. I think it is also important that we improve the condition of our village sidewalks, and do it with an eye on the long-term effects and efficiency, therefore there is no choice or doubt in many of the local minds including mine: Concrete Pavement is critical as opposed to blacktop.

We hope very much you will consider the general feeling of our townspeople who want concrete sidewalks.

Kind Regards

Melanie J Fahey

**Melanie Fahey-Cicala**
Senior Director, Education & TrainingT: 2122691387 x43
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Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Project

1 message

Cris Cicala <ccicala@cbsattorneys.com>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 4:18 PM

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Dear Selectmen:

I am a resident of South Kent and operate my law practice out of an office in Kent Green.

I am writing to request that you consider using concrete pavement versus blacktop for the current sidewalk project. I believe that the use of pavement will be beneficial for the town in both the long and short term.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Criston E. Cicala
917-733-5474



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Streetscape Materials

1 message

Matthew Winter <mawinter06757@gmail.com>

Sat, Mar 12, 2022 at 12:02 PM

To: Jean Speck - FS ToK <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>, Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Jean, Rufus and Glenn (or more formally Ms. Speck, Mr. de Rham and Mr. Sanchez).

In reference to the Streetscape Subcommittee 3.10.2022 meeting and the detailed discussion regarding materials:

The subcommittee members have vast collective construction experience and have reasonably debated the merits of asphalt v. concrete walks for the streetscape project, and should be commended for their unflagging dedication to getting this phase one of the project ready for construction.

As a construction professional, I offer the following:

The discussion at the recent meeting glossed over the specified thickness of the finish material - 5" of concrete over 8" of subbase is clearly a better value than 2" of asphalt over the same subbase.

When constructed correctly (proper compaction of subbase, adequate reinforcing materials, proper placement of reinforcing materials, sufficient expansion and control joints, etc.), concrete has a far greater life span than asphalt. A qualified contractor and robust inspection services are required in all cases to ensure quality construction.

A better solution to selecting asphalt because it will be easier to repair after potential future projects would be to anticipate known projects by making provisions now (i.e. empty conduit installed during this phase) or committing to repairs "in kind" after any unanticipated projects.

My vote - if I get one - is for concrete walks.

Thank you for all you do.

Matthew Winter
85 Kent Cornwall Road
Kent, CT 06757



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk materials

1 message

Maggie Stearns <stearns.maggie@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 10:14 AM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Please vote for CONCRETE!

Thank you....

M Stearns

80 north Main Street



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

In favor of CONCRETE

1 message

'SUSAN MCWHINNIE' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 10:58 AM

Reply-To: SUSAN MCWHINNIE <smcw5@aol.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Susan McWhinnie

860-927-3251

860-248-0005

smcw5@aol.com

Sent from my I-Pad



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks in Kent

1 message

Rudy <rmolho123@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 11:21 AM

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

We are strongly in favor of CONCRETE sidewalks in Kent

Rudy & Roz Molho

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Melinda Keck <firstmelinda@sbcglobal.net>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 11:24 AM

Hi!
I'm sending my vote for concrete sidewalks.
Melinda Keck
5 Halls Lane
Kent, CT 06757

Sent from my iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

sidewalk materials

1 message

Janet Rivkin <jlrhome1@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 11:56 AM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I 100% support the use of concrete for the sidewalks in Kent

Janet A Rivkin
80 N Main St. Unit 5a2
Kent, Ct. 06757



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk materials

1 message

Dixie Todd <dixieperrytodd@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 12:05 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Please use
CONCRETE.
Better for our town of Kent.

Anne Todd



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Material Choice

1 message

Lisa Luca <lisa.luca@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 12:41 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Greetings,
Please find this email as my support for CONCRETE as the material of choice for our sidewalks, not asphalt.
Thank you.
Best,
Lisa Luca



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

sidewalk repair

1 message

'Carol Lenz' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 1:24 PM

Reply-To: Carol Lenz <clenz109@aol.com>

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Dear Selectmen,

I would like to offer my opinion regarding the sidewalks. I would prefer concrete sidewalks.

Sincerely,

Carol F Lenz

31 Ore Hill Rd

South Kent



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials

1 message

Jim Hicks <jhicks@sprintmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 2:09 PM

I urge you to choose concrete for this project.

Jim Hicks
35 Beardsley Road
Kent

Sent from my iPad



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Selectmen's Sidewalk Decision

1 message

Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick <nodeawyrick@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 2:45 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Please use concrete - asphalt will ruin our downtown.
Thanks

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Nancy O'Dea-Wyrick
Business & Financial Operations
860.671.1036
nodeawyrick@gmail.com



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Concrete Sidewalks Please!

1 message

judith warrick <jbwarrick@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 2:50 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I strongly support the use of concrete for the sidewalks in Kent

Judith B. Warrick
jbwarrick@gmail.com
860-927-1349



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials...

1 message

cplace <cplace@coopermailbox.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 2:53 PM

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Dear Selectmen,

Please vote for concrete sidewalks for maintenance, durability and aesthetics consideration. It's important for our town.

Thanks for your support,

Charmian Place

Charmian Place

cplace@coopermailbox.com

(917) 566-8541 cell

(212) 369-2680 home



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials- Concrete

1 message

'MICHAEL O'GRADY' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 3:04 PM

Reply-To: MICHAEL O'GRADY <mograde757@aol.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Dear Selectmen,

I support concrete as the material to be used for the sidewalks for the town project.

Thanks for the opportunity to express my view.

Mike O'Grady

17 South Road

Kent, CT

Sent from my iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials - Concrete

1 message

John Slowik <jaslowik@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 3:34 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Concrete sidewalks will be an investment for Kent's future and the safety of its residents, especially elders, not to mention the aesthetic quality of the town. Take pride in Kent!

John Slowik
917 373 6454
111 Geer Mountain Road
South Kent, CT



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials

1 message

Sarah Bacon <sarah.bacon9@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 3:45 PM

Please invest in Kent by using concrete for sidewalk materials as it lasts longer.
Thank you, Sarah Bacon
90 Beardsley Rd

Sarah H. Bacon
Cell: 718-755-3618
Sarah.bacon9@gmail.com

Twitter: @SarahHogate
Instagram: @Baconiste



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Concrete bids

1 message

JMAPhotography <jmaphotography@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 3:52 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Hello,

As a South Kent resident, I just wanted to add my 2 cents into the sidewalk bids and say that aesthetically the concrete choice would look so much better!

Thank you,
Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe

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Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe
jmaphotography@gmail.com

www.jeannemoutoussamy-ashe.com



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Camille Orme <camille.orme@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org
Cc: Marc Trevino <marc.trevino@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 4:21 PM

Good afternoon! We support concrete sidewalks for Kent. Thanks for your time.



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Wayne Dickinson <waynedickinson3@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 4:35 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Hello, I would love to see cement sidewalks in the town and not asphalt. Can't wait for this project to start!
Thank you,
Wayne Dickinson



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Cement Preference

1 message

Deborah Gobble Lewine <dgobblelew@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 4:43 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Hi -

We're at 42 Muller Road, and would like to indicate our preference for cement sidewalks over asphalt.

Thank you!

Deborah Gobble & Peter Lewine



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

sidewalk materials

1 message

kcooper <kcooper@coopermailbox.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 4:48 PM

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

pls support concrete sidewalks

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Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

We like concrete sidewalks

1 message

Powell, Robert <rpowell@forosgroup.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 4:57 PM

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Side Walk Material

1 message

James Norton <jsnorton06@outlook.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 5:11 PM

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Jean,

I support CONCRETE as the material of choice for the side walk project.

Jim

Jim Norton

PO Box 219

South Kent, CT 06785-1315

Jsnorton06@outlook.com

201-954-2765



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Cement

1 message

Marco Condoleo <marcocondoleo@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 5:37 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

-Marco Condoleo
59 Muller Road



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials

1 message

braden.l.neff@gmail.com <braden.l.neff@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 5:38 PM

In favor of concrete (safety / longevity).

Thanks,
Braden Neff
82 Beardsley Road

Sent from my iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Cement

1 message

Karla Covell <karlacovell@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 6:08 PM

Cement!!

Sent from my iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Material

1 message

F. Anthony Zunino <fazunino3@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 6:24 PM

I would very much urge your decision to invest in Concrete sidewalks for Kent. It is a far better material, both aesthetically as well as durability. It would be a great support for all the merchants who struggle to survive along Rt 7 and would signify your support for all they do to make Kent a special place.

Tony



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials

1 message

Lara Hanson Barrett <lara.hanson@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 6:37 PM

CONCRETE--

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Lara Kaplan Hanson

917.968.7270

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/larahanson>



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

sidewalks: concrete/asphalt

1 message

tomas savrda <tomassavrdaartcraft@hotmail.com>
To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 7:17 PM

To whom it may concern:

Concrete vs Asphalt?
I vote for Concrete.

Thank you.

Respectfully

Tomas



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Cement for the sidewalks

1 message

alice@alicemcadams.com <alice@alicemcadams.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 8:14 PM

Alice Roper
43 Muller Road

Sent from my iPad



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk materials

1 message

Alice Hicks <alicebhicks@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 8:57 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Concrete is the best choice for the sidewalks.

I strongly urge you to choose concrete (not asphalt, a very poor second).

Alice Hicks



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk material

1 message

Richard Becker <richard3203@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 9:34 PM

I am writing to say we would prefer **Cement** sidewalks in town vs any other material.

Thanks very much.

Richard Becker
79 Muller Rd
Kent, CT

Sent from my iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials

1 message

Judy Perkins <judyperkins77@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 9:40 PM

To the Board of Selectman

Concrete is absolutely the best material for Kent's sidewalks - for now and the future.
Please support concrete over asphalt

Thank you

Judy Perkins
5 Conboy Heights
Kent, CT 06757



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Concrete vs Asphalt

1 message

Steven Lowy <steven@porticony.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 9:55 PM

To whom it may concern,

Concrete is superior both aesthetically and for durability.

Respectfully,

Steven Lowy

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Steven Lowy
Portico New York Inc.
139 Spring St. 2B
New York, NY 10012
Tel: 212 941-1444



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk materials

1 message

'Michelle Saltz' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 10:44 PM

Reply-To: Michelle Saltz <michellesaltz@icloud.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to indicate my support for concrete as the sidewalk material of choice. Concrete sidewalks clearly hold up better and are safer after longer periods of time than asphalt. Concrete sidewalks will be an investment for Kent's future and the safety of its residents, especially elders, not to mention the aesthetic quality of the town.

Thank you,
Michelle Saltz
[1 Anderson Acres](#)
[Kent, CT 06757](#)



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials

1 message

Justin Potter <jbpotter@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 9:52 AM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Hi there,

I would like to express my support for using concrete for Kent's sidewalks, given how well they tend to hold up relative to asphalt. Thank you!

Justin



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

concrete

1 message

Joseph Baxer <jjbaxer@gmail.com>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 8:45 AM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Greetings.

I wish to affirm our choice for concrete to be used in the new walkways.

Thanks,

Joseph Baxer
Barbara Bacewicz



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Concrete

1 message

'Steve Katz' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 6:52 AM

Reply-To: Steve Katz <spoonrest@icloud.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

My vote (if I had one) would be for concrete sidewalks. They are much more attractive.

Best,
Alison Palmer

Sent from Alison's
iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Supporting concrete

1 message

WILLIAM BACHRACH <wbachrach@snet.net>

Sun, Mar 13, 2022 at 4:27 AM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

To my friends on the Selectboard,
Please note one more vote for concrete sidewalks in our town. The will make walking safe again and make Kent the attractive place we know it to be. Bill Bachrach



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

For your kind consideration

1 message

'Jamie Delaney' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 12:20 AM

Reply-To: Jamie Delaney <rocketmom389@me.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Please install cement sidewalks in town. It make it easier let alone
Safer.
Best,

Jamie Delaney

Sent from my iPad



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Material

1 message

'Victor Lewis' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 7:13 AM

Reply-To: Victor Lewis <vdioucgt@yahoo.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Concrete Please! Very exciting, thank you for your work here.

Victor Lewis

(m) + 1-917-575-8873



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Concrete vs asphalt

1 message

donald cramer <donald.j.cramer@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 7:45 AM

Please choose concrete sidewalks for Kent or discontinue the sidewalk project altogether.

Donald Cramer



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials

1 message

'Doug Wynn' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 8:03 AM

Reply-To: Doug Wynn <dougwynn@me.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Dear Board of Selectman,

I hope this note finds you all doing well. I'd like to offer my support in choosing concrete sidewalks, not asphalt sidewalks, as concrete will last much longer with less maintenance.

Kind regards,

Doug Wynn

316 Kent Cornwall Rd., Kent, Ct

917-544-6664



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

'Joseph Speranzo' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 8:06 AM

Reply-To: Joseph Speranzo <sundogshoe@aol.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Concrete

I think asphalt will look cheap and will need more maintenance in the long run

Joe speranzo

Sent from my iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Gina Olson <gina@chestnutwoodworking.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 8:13 AM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Hi... Kent business owner here in support of concrete.
Thanks,
Gina

Gina Olson
Chestnut Woodworking
& Antique Flooring Co Showroom
31 N. Main St, Kent, CT
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Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks in downtown Kent

1 message

Jason Perillo <jperillo@highwatchrecovery.org>
To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 8:19 AM

To the Board of Selectmen,

On behalf of Wilson's Bakery and Cafe, which is owned by High Watch, we would like to offer our thoughts in support of concrete sidewalks as opposed to asphalt.

Downtown Kent's charm is derived from its quaint beauty and the businesses that call N. Main Street home. The relationship is symbiotic and together conducive to foot traffic, outdoor dining, and vibrancy.

Concrete sidewalks are far more attractive than asphalt. The appearance of concrete is much more in line with the existing look of Downtown. Asphalt, in contrast, would detract from the streetscape.

In fact, many communities across the state have prohibited the construction of asphalt sidewalks in their downtown areas and have opted for either concrete, brick, or stone.

We encourage the Town to opt for the more attractive option for completion of its sidewalks, which we believe to be concrete.

Last year, the readers of Connecticut Magazine voted Wilson's the best new restaurant in Connecticut. We are proud to have been welcomed so warmly by the Kent community and we thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jason Perillo

Jason Perillo

*Vice President of Communications and Chief Marketing
Officer*

*High Watch Recovery Center
62 Carter Road, P.O. Box 607*

Kent ~ Connecticut 06757

Tele: 860.927.3772

Fax: 860.927.1840

Email: jperillo@highwatchrecovery.org

Website: www.highwatchrecovery.org



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Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Emma Plumb <emma@sawinghighclimbers.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 8:19 AM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Hello Kent! I would like to chime in in support of concrete sidewalks please, thank you!



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials

1 message

Irene Coe <Lucy2350@sbcglobal.net>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 8:25 AM

It has taken the town several years to decide and begin the sidewalk construction. You only need to look at the sidewalk on the bridge over the Housatonic (built in 1991) to see that concrete sidewalks clearly hold up better and are safer after longer periods of time than asphalt. The concrete with granite curbing will also compliment the sidewalk surrounding Gavin, Terston, and other retail stores. Concrete sidewalks will be an investment for Kent's future and the safety of its residents, especially elders.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Irene and Bob McDowell



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Concrete

1 message

'Will Gawel' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 8:34 AM

Reply-To: Will Gawel <wgaweljr@yahoo.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Hi,

My preference for the sidewalks would be concrete and "no air" added to the mix. Asphalt 20-30 years ago had either more bitumen and or a higher grade. I've seen this from demolishing old tennis courts and driveways. The chunks are like rocks. If asphalt was like that today I would vote asphalt.

Last summer a large asphalt company re lined a stretch on rt 4 from Cornwall bridge to Ellsworth. Sections of that are already coming apart if you take a ride up that way.

A good quality concrete and concrete contractor is the best value for our taxpayers dollars.

Best,

Will Gawel Jr



Gmail

Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

'Hiram P Williams Jr' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 8:42 AM

Reply-To: Hiram P Williams Jr <hramwilliams@mac.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Please use concrete rather than asphalt for safety reasons as well as durability.

Hiram

Hiram Williams

mobile: [917 855-9872](tel:9178559872)

Sent from my iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Choice of Sidewalk materials

1 message

Wmurphy77@charter.net <wmurphy77@charter.net>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 8:43 AM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

All things considered concrete is the better choice for durability, appearance, long-term economy and our climate.

Wendy Murphy

Sent from my iPad



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

'Christine Heun' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 9:11 AM

Reply-To: Christine Heun <cheun@mac.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Concrete, please



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Concrete or Asphalt - Town of Kent

1 message

Cameron Casey <caseycm415@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 9:21 AM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Concrete for sidewalks - Cameron Casey. Thank you.



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

james vickco.com <james@vickco.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 9:26 AM

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

I support the option of concrete w/ granite curbs.

Thanks and stay well,

James Vick

14 Flanders Lane, Kent

Tel. 860-927-4910

Cell 860-248-1000



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks - Concrete PLEASE!

1 message

kvick jsflyfishing.com <kvick@jsflyfishing.com>
To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 9:28 AM

Dear Jean, Glenn & Rufus,

As 15+ year business owners, lease holders in Kent Town Center and Chamber members, we strongly support the use of CONCRETE sidewalks.

As always, thanks for your service.

Kate + James Vick

Co-owners



<https://www.jsflyfishing.com/>



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk materials

1 message

Claire Irving <chirving@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 9:29 AM

I am in favor of concrete for its endurance and safety.

Best regards,

Claire

Claire H. Irving
39 Treasure Hill Road
South Kent, CT 06785
c. +1 646 220 9471 o. +1 860 927 4105

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Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials

1 message

Jim Blackketter <jim@blackketter.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 9:46 AM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Cc: John Casey <john@kentgreen.com>

I'm writing to urge you to choose concrete over asphalt for our sidewalks.

Given its durability and ease of maintenance as compared to asphalt it's the more permanent and cost-efficient solution. Just take a walk along Main Street and you'll see what happens to asphalt over time and what our sidewalks could again look like in the future.

Cheaper does not mean better.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this critical issue.

Jim Blackketter
16 Stone Fences Lane
South Kent, CT 06785
860 927-1888



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials

1 message

jmarkham via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 9:48 AM

Reply-To: jmarkham@aol.com

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

I'm in favor of using concrete for our new Kent sidewalks. It's worked very well for NYC for a very long time.



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

concrete sidewalks preferred

1 message

Victoria Hamilton <vh2160@columbia.edu>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 9:46 AM

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

I respect the desire to think carefully about every dollar spent on behalf of the town, and think the better long-term decision is concrete. Victoria Hamilton [111 Geer Mountain Road](#)



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Concrete for Sidewalks

1 message

Bill & Catherine Bachrach <bachrach125@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 2:56 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

As a member of the first Streetscape Committee who visited towns near and far to check out sidewalks, old and new, it was clear that CONCRETE was the better and safer choice, standing up better for much longer periods of time.

Thank you, Catherine Bachrach

Sent from my iPad



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks / Concrete

1 message

'George Flynn' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 3:03 PM

Reply-To: George Flynn <gpflynn@yahoo.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Dear Selectmen,

This is George Flynn, I own the Slosson House (1739) up on Goodhill.

I implore you not to use asphalt on the proposed sidewalks. Please use concrete! It's well worth the extra expense.

I don't cut any corners improving my home and I'd hate to see the town of Kent do so by using asphalt.

Asphalt looks like a cheap "stopgap" and our town deserves more. Let's keep the exclusivity that Kent offers. Asphalt would just detract from that.

Concrete please!!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

George Flynn

Sent from my iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

James Mercurio <mercurio.james@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 3:07 PM

To: Selectmen <selectmen@townofkentct.org>, Lynn Ainsworth <elynnainsworth@rcn.com>

Hi,

Responding to John Casey's note about the potential installation of sidewalks in town and what material to use. The answer lies within the question; concrete. Think about what major city, smaller city, municipality, village or lovely small town like Kent that currently has sidewalks. Think about the instances of how many of those sidewalks composition is concrete and you'll be able to deduce your answer. Granite coping/curbs to compliment the concrete would achieve a continuation of the first class work/continuity in/around the book store and Wilsons.

If asphalt is being considered because of budgetary concerns than channel Shakespeare "Half measures avail us nothing" and cancel the project.

J.A.M.



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks in Kent

1 message

lauren.gioia@gmail.com <lauren.gioia@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 3:17 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Dear Kent Board of Selectman,

I am writing ahead of Thursday's vote regarding the paving materials for the town's sidewalks.

As a longtime resident of Kent – close to town on Cobble Lane – I think it would be wise to invest in the long term beauty of Main Street and choose concrete.

The charm of our town is one of its greatest assets and I think putting resources into something as fundamental as the sidewalks is only going to elevate the experience for our residents, businesses and visitors.

Many thanks and best wishes,

Lauren Gioia



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials

1 message

'Deborah Romano' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 4:15 PM

Reply-To: Deborah Romano <romano.d@icloud.com>

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I would like to submit my preference for concrete sidewalks.

Sincerely,
Deborah Romano
49 Beardsley Rd.
Kent



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk

1 message

jeffkennedy246 <jeffkennedy246@earthlink.net>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 4:16 PM

I am in favor of concrete sidewalks.
Thank you
Jeff kennedy
Foreign cargo

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S10, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Gary Davis <gcd55flood@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 4:16 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

To the board of selectmen,

I am firmly in favor of using concrete for the sidewalk project. In the last 5 years we have been to Tupper lake NY, Waterbury VT and Stowe VT for vacation. All have installed concrete sidewalks in recent years. The winters there are much harsher than ours. A no brainer as far as I am concerned even if the price is higher.

Gary and Bobbie Davis

46 Highland Rd.



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk materials

1 message

Julia Neff <julia.a.neff@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 4:49 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Good afternoon,

I'm hoping you all pick Concrete for the town sidewalks. It's longer lasting and aesthetically more pleasing for our beautiful town.

Thank you!
Julia Neff



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Vote in favor of cement sidewalk

1 message

craig4949.low@gmail.com <craig4949.low@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 5:25 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Thank you for your consideration.

Sent from my iPhone



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Streetscape

1 message

Carolyn Casey <caracase@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 5:59 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Concrete preferred



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks

1 message

Sasha Schwartz <sasha@scribbleartworkshop.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 9:16 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Hi there,

Just a quick note to express my support for concrete sidewalks in the town! Thank you and hope all is well,

--

Sasha Schwartz

Founder & Director

Watch our latest video: [Art is Essential](#)[Check out our upcoming classes!](#)www.scribbleartworkshop.com



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

sidewalks

1 message

Currie Gardner <currie.ar.gardner@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 9:44 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

cement please

Currie Gardner
[9 Maple St Ext](#)
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Sidewalks

1 message

Brandon <cbrandonc@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 9:44 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I am a Kent resident and I would like to see concrete sidewalks installed in town. It will bring tremendous value for the town for years to come.

Best,

Charles Brandon Cooke
5 Woodin Road
Kent, CT 06757



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Sidewalk Materials

1 message

carolfranken@gmail.com <carolfranken@gmail.com>

Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 5:01 AM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org, bos@townofkentct.org

I support CONCRETE as the material of choice!
Carol Franken

Sent from my iPhone



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Sidewalks

1 message

aloyisius@charter.net <aloyisius@charter.net>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 12:28 PM

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Please, please choose concrete - for appearance, longevity and long-term savings in repair bills.

Marge Smith



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Sidewalks in Kent, CT

1 message

M. Luci Atwood <mluciatwood@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 12:49 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

PLEASE CONCRETE

From: Luci Atwood



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalks ~ Thank you!

1 message

Stephanie Southard <stephaniehosouthard@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 1:18 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Dear Town Of Kent,

I would like to comment that I prefer concrete for the sidewalks of Kent. I think the extra cost will be worth the result in the long run. We have a lot of visitors and seniors, and I would be grateful for a good quality, tried-and-true walking surface as part of our town. Thank you for the improvements you continue to make, and all the hard work you do. Take good care,

Peace,
Stephanie Ho Southard, LAc.
Fair Skies Acupuncture
On Kent Green
Cell: 203-733-1837



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Sidewalk Materials

1 message

Jim Samartini <juljim@pobox.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 1:27 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

As an in-town resident, I urge the selectmen to choose Concrete Sidewalks as an investment in Kent's future and the safety of its residents.

Jim Samartini

80 North Main Street, Unit 6



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Sidewalk Materials

1 message

Andreas Boker <andreasboker@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 11:49 AM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

I am writing in support of installing **CONCRETE** sidewalks in town.

Sincerely,

Andreas Boker
41 Jennings Rs
Kent, CT 06785

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Andreas Boker, M.D, F.A.A.D

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CONCRETE FOR SIDEWALKS

1 message

John Casey <jecasey2@gmail.com>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 12:02 PM

To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Dear Selectmen:

Please vote for CONCRETE sidewalks for the benefit of our residents, visitors and local businesses.

Thank you.

John Casey

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John Casey
Kent Green
860-927-3344 (O)
415-793-5000 (M)



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Concrete sidewalks

1 message

Peter G. Vaughn <peterv Vaughn@earthlink.net>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 11:10 AM

To the selectmen:
Please vote to install the more durable, longer lasting option: concrete.
Thank you.
Peter Vaughn
100 Treasure Hill Rd.

Sent from my iPhone



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Sidewalk Project

1 message

Brian Cossari <bcossari@kentgreenhouse.com>
To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 11:37 AM

Thank you for reading my email. In my opinion, concrete sidewalks are a better alternative for the town of Kent.

Kind regards,
Brian

**BRIAN COSSARI, PLA ASLA**

Director & Landscape Architect

o: 860.927.4436 ext.300 **m:** 203.943.9494



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Sidewalks

1 message

David Gavin <davidgavinkent@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 10:53 AM

Dear Jean, et al,

I just wanted to throw my two-cents in and say that I am hoping the StreetScape committee chooses concrete for the new sidewalks. It will look better and last longer. We're only doing this project once, let's do it right!

Thank you!

Kasey Leo Straiton

-David Gavin Salon manager

-20+ year resident of Kent Hills III

-Dog owner who walks her dog downtown on warm evenings



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New Sidewalks - Concrete

1 message

kate@vick.net <kate@vick.net>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Mon, Mar 14, 2022 at 9:30 AM

Dear Jean, Glenn & Rufus,

As 35+ year plus Kent resident, I support the use of CONCRETE sidewalks.

Thanks for all your efforts on the part of the town.

Kate Vick

860-927-4910 (h) 860-671-1747 (m)



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Sidewalks - Concrete!

1 message

'dorothy yewer' via bos <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 3:38 PM

Reply-To: dorothy yewer <doryewer@yahoo.com>

To: "selectmen@townofkentct.org" <selectmen@townofkentct.org>

Greetings - we are weighing in to request the town put in **concrete** sidewalks given the overall performance of this material - which is far superior to asphalt. Not insignificantly it is aesthetically more pleasing as well. Have you looked into adding pattern or texture which can be accomplished easily with concrete and would add a country feel?

Best, Dorothy & David Yewer

119 North Main Street



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Sidewalks

1 message

Joseph G Tobin <jgtobin2@gmail.com>
To: selectmen@townofkentct.org

Tue, Mar 15, 2022 at 4:58 PM

Lasting homes are now being built with concrete to last a lifetime +..

Please concrete and granite,,..

J G Tobin

Selectmen's Reports
BoS Special Meeting
Monday, January 24th, 2022
Glenn Sanchez

Board of Selectmen Resolution regarding quorum rules for a meeting:

The Board of Selectmen resolves that each municipal board and commission, or any subcommittee thereof, shall not conduct any business or discussion if a quorum is not present. Therefore, if a quorum is not present, a member that is present, or the clerk or secretary of the board or commission will submit to the Town Clerk meeting minutes reflecting that the meeting was canceled in accordance with the CT FOI Act. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Board of Selectmen Subcommittee Reports
BoS Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 17th, 2022
Glenn Sanchez

ARPA Needs Assessment Subcommittee

Last meeting: Wednesday, March 16th, 2022, 4:30pm

1. Discussion about the focus groups that met the prior weekend
2. Discussion about the application process
3. Discussion about when the committee fulfills its charge

Next meeting: Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022, 4:30pm

Swift House Task Force II Subcommittee

Last meeting: Wednesday, March 9th, 2022, 3:00pm

1. We decided to meet the second Wednesday of each month for six months
2. Discussion about the content of the report
3. Discussion about the focus of each member of the committee

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 13th, 2022, 3:00pm

Main Street Noise and Traffic Subcommittee

Last meeting: Wednesday, March 9th, 2022, 9:00am

1. The committee walked Main Street, concentrating on signage and crosswalks
2. Conversation about enforcement and CT DOT involvement

Next meeting: Thursday, March 24th, 2022, 7:30pm