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By Darlene Brady at 12:00 pm, Dec 07, 2022



Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting December 1, 2022 4:00 P.M.

The minutes reflect motions and a summary of the discussion. Refer to the attached link for the recording of this meeting:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4xKgcLwVAPg

Jean Speck, Rufus deRham and Glenn Sanchez.

Also present: Catherine Bachrach, Melissa Cherniske, John Grant, Lynn Harrington, Alice Hicks and Lynn Worthington.

Call to order:

Jean Speck called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Jean Speck requested the following change:

November 17, 2022 Regular BoS meeting minutes, Streetscape should read: installation of curb.

Rufus deRham requested the following change:

November 17, 2022 Regular BoS meeting minutes, CT to receive approximately \$300 million to fight the Opioid Epidemic, memo attached.

Jean Speck made a motion to approve the November 17, 2022 Regular BoS meeting minutes with fixes. Rufus deRham seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Correspondence:

 November 28, 2022 Letter from Catherine Bachrach, Concerning Streetscape Phase 2

Jean Speck:

- A crosswalk at Swift Lane is in the current phase two plans.
- It will be on the east side of Swift Lane.
- Regarding the gas station curb cuts, the South Main Street side and the Maple Street side each has two curb cuts.
- o This is from the engineer, SLR.
- As we develop the preliminary plans, they'll review the access points and widths and provide a sketch for DOT's review. Then we need to reach out to the property owners.

- That will be in the coming months.
- November 28, 2022 Email from Matt Starr, "Sidewalks" Jean Speck responded via email.

Public Comment:

None.

Tax Refunds:

Rufus deRham made a motion to approve the two tax refunds in the amount of \$332.15. Jean Speck seconded the motion and the motion carried.

New Business:

None.

Streetscape Committee final report:

Jean Speck:

Mike Gawel was unable to make this meeting to present the report.

Kathleen Lindenmayer request regarding Maureen Brady:

Jean Speck:

- The letter sent by Kathleen provides a bio of Maureen's career in Town Hall.
- She was the First Selectman during the development and building of Town Hall.
- I propose and have attached a declaration to dedicate Town Hall to Maureen.

Glenn Sanchez and Rufus deRham both requested time to review the proposed declaration document.

Policy and Procedure Manual - update:

Jean Speck:

- Put in docket to call Mike Rose and have an initial conversation with them to come up with where to go with this.
- Commit to get something back to the board prior to the next meeting.

Opioid settlement funds allocation discussion:

Jean Speck:

- Over \$8,000 to spend.
- Would like to keep some of the money and user it to provide public naloxone training and provide Narcan kits.
- Also purchase Narcan lock boxes.
- Partner with one of the regional organizations that already provide support for families and individuals who have been affected.

Rufus deRham:

· Focus on the families and individuals who have been affected.

Public Comment:

Lynn Worthington:

- Is SLR going to pay any of the \$30,000 or is the Town going to have to pay that?
- Is there a timeframe of when everything needs to be wrapped up?
- Does the money get released to the contractor all at once or increments and when will the final payment be issued?
- Is Phase II starting soon?
- Will the Streetscape Committee be involved in Phase II?

Jean Speck:

- It is a negotiation.
- We are continuing to talk with them.
- We still have a punch list.
- Mike Doherty was here today and did a walkthrough of the whole project, we need to get together and discuss what will need to carried over to spring.
- · Not sure how the final payment will work.
- Phase II is in the early planning stages, SLR is doing the drawings, we have to get easements.
- The Streetscape Committee will provide a final report for Phase I and the Bos will disband that committee.

Adjourn:

Jean Speck made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:38 p.m. Glenn Sanchez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Joyce Kearns
Joyce Kearns
Administrative Assistant

These are draft minutes and the Board of Selectmen at the subsequent meeting may make corrections. Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections and approval.



BOARD OF SELECTMEN Regular Meeting Agenda December 1, 2022 @ 4:00 P.M.

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1. Call to order.

2. Approval of Minutes.

2.1. November 17, 2022 Regular BoS meeting minutes

2.2. November 28, 2022 Email from Matt Starr, "Sidewalks"

3. Correspondence.

3.1. November 28, 2022 letter from Catherine Bachrach

- 4. Public Comment.
- 5. Tax Refunds.
- 6. New Business.
- 7. Old Business.
 - **7.1.** Streetscape Committee final report
 - 7.2. Kathleen Lindenmayer request regarding Maureen Brady
 - **7.3.** Policy and Procedure Manual update.
 - 7.4. Opioid settlement funds allocation discussion
- 8. Public Comment
- 7. Adjourn

Letter to Kent Board of Selectmen Concerning Streetscape Phase 2

November 28, 2022

Dear Jean, Rufus and Glenn,

Congratulations on the completion of Phase 1 of the Sidewalk Project. I note that the minutes of the November 17, 2022 BOS meeting state that "Mike Doherty (of SLR Consulting) is likely to have preliminary information on Phase 2 in the next 2 to 4 weeks."

This appears to be an appropriate time to raise an issue that came up repeatedly in the work of the first Streetscape Committee – the design of the (many) entrances to the Patco/Mobil Station and the danger posed to pedestrians by the openness of that corner. The issue was first raised by residents of Templeton Farm Senior Housing, who expressed concern and even fear of walking along the sidewalk on the south side of Maple Street toward the corner. They noted that cars enter and exit randomly and unpredictably – and impatient drivers stopped at the northbound light on Route 7 often cut across the station lot to avoid the light. Many Templeton residents stated that they often cross Maple Street at Swift Lane to avoid the gas station corner.

Concerns about the dangers posed by the corner were raised during the AECOM Road Safety Audit "walk-about" in 2016 and again at the meeting with Gina Greenalch, DOT Traffic Engineer, at a meeting on 10/19/2017. Engineer Greenalch indicated that the current design does not meet DOT standards and that "DOT would not be involved in redesign/compliance enforcement until new ownership or improvements take place". She also indicated that she would "take a look at the corner to see if anything else is possible short-term." (I note that there is new ownership of the property and new improvements have and will take place!)

The issue of the corner again came up at a Streetscape Meeting on 6/18/2018 with a report on a ZBA meeting concerning the Mobil station, where the station's engineer was alerted to the work of the Streetscape Committee. "All present agreed that closing the entrance/exit closest to Route 7 on the Maple Street/Route 341 side would address some of the safety concerns of that sidewalk. DOT and Donna Hayes will be involved in any conversations with the owner and/or engineer."

The first committee recommended that a crosswalk be constructed on Maple Street at Swift Lane to address the safety concerns of Templeton Farm residents and others. DOT apparently did not approve such a crosswalk since it does not appear to be part of the current plan.

I encourage the Board of Selectmen and all others involved in the design of Phase Two to address these long-standing and long-expressed concerns about pedestrian safety in the final design.

Thank you,

Catherine Bachrach (Secretary of the first Streetscape Committee)

cc: Rick Osborne, Tai Kern



Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Re: Sidewalks

1 message

Jean Conlon Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>

Thu, Dec 1, 2022 at 6:30 AM

To: MATHEW STARR <mstarr03@snet.net>

Cc: Rufus DeRham <rufuspderham@townofkentct.org>, Glenn Sanchez <glennsanchez@townofkentct.org>, Rick Osborne <publicworks@townofkentct.org>, Joyce Kearns <adminassist@townofkentct.org>

Good morning Matt,

Follow up is inline in pink:

#2 - This really needs to be reviewed, why this hump of sidewalk that gives access to the crosswalk was not done is concerning.

while we are talking about that is the sidewalk to the Community House still pending as well? During the planning phase, the DOT stated that due to the lack of compliance for the crosswalk that we should not touch it or would have to remedy all the deficiencies including adding sidewalk on the church side of the street. The streetscape committee was aware of this, and supported the decision to stop short of this section, and not include the church side in that section in the plans.

#4 - While the cones helped just enough room is left for cars to park between the no parking sign and the first cone. We'll get a couple more cones placed so there is no confusion.

#5 - Page 4 "OUTDOOR MANUFACTURING OR PROCESSING ACTIVITIES"

Clearly states

"Other than mixing of sand and salt together and load out onto trucks, no outdoor manufacturing or processing activities are performed onsite". Page four of our General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activity does not include any of the text you quoted.

Page four is the last page of the table of contents. I believe you're referring to our Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan that Anchor Engineering prepared, *not* the permit. That is where the quoted language is located. However, you have confused the Plan with the Permit, and the text you quoted - out of context - gives the incorrect impression. The statement is a general one about outdoor manufacturing or processing activities at the facility, just as other subsections in that section describe various activities, processes, and practices at the facility, *not* what is prohibited. DEEP has told us our General Permit permit does not prohibit crushing of material on a short-term basis, as long as it is occasional, and conducted by a mobile commercial operator permitted or licensed to conduct such operations, uses appropriate BMPs, and that we clean up any dust or debris post-crushing.

I hope this answers your questions.



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On Mon, Nov 28, 2022 at 10:51 AM MATHEW STARR <mstarr03@snet.net> wrote: Good Morning Jean,

Hope you had a wonderful Holiday.

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I brought this to your and Ricks attention in November of 2021 when I came in and reviewed the plan, I also discussed with the Engineering Firm and they confirmed this. Again I ask you to do some housekeeping and get the town into compliance with all regulations, storm water, OSHA, etc.

On Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 01:24:59 PM EST, Jean Conlon Speck <firstselectman@townofkentct.org> wrote:

Hi Matt,

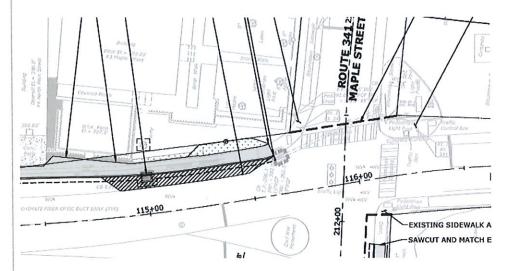
Thanks for your feedback, and appreciate the kind sentiment - it's great to see the results of all the hard work of so many over the past 14ish years finally come to fruition.

Re: #2 - my understanding is that this was at the direction of the DOT.

Re: #3 - Yes, as always, de-icing products will be used on the sidewalks to keep the sidewalks safe for pedestrians. Rick does look into new products that are safe for use and keep the sidewalks free of ice. The sidewalks have also been treated with SaltGuard, which protects concrete from moisture intrusion and the effects of sodium-

based products we use, and salt de-icing product that may get thrown onto the sidewalk surfaces secondary to DOT plowing and salting of the road.

Re: #4 - The span you mentioned is planned to be hashed (see detail below) and I have asked SLR to have Mather work with DOT to prioritize this get done as soon as possible. In the interim, Mather will work with the KVFD to cone off the area this week, and Rick and his team will do periodic checks to make sure the cones remain in place.



Re: #5 - Rick has reviewed the stormwater plan and did not find what you mentioned in your email, and is following up with DEEP for more information. As he and I have both addressed numerous times before, Rick is testing as the permit requires. He plans to use the materials for a number of the unpaved town roads, as well as repair of the entry to North Kent Road. The town garage paving project became fully funded this FY, and yes, when that project happens, there will have to be a plan to get whatever is getting paved to be cleared.

Stay well, jean



Jean Speck (she, her, hers)

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On Thu, Nov 10, 2022 at 8:40 AM MATHEW STARR <mstarr03@snet.net> wrote:

Good morning Board of Selectman,

A few comments and concerns regarding the new sidewalks.

- 1. They look very nice
- 2. Section of paved sidewalk on the east side of N Main between 88 & 90 was not replaced, was this a oversight or left in purpose?
- 3. The Board really should ensure that proper snow and ice de-icing products are used and nothing that damages the new concrete.
- 4. The parking areas along sidewalk on the corner of Maple Street and North main is no longer adequate for parking and cars are out into the travel lane making it very unsafe with emergency vehicles, trucks and traffic attempting to get past during busy times.
- 5. While the sidewalk safety and beautification looks great, what about the growing eyesore at the highway Dept What is the plan for all the material from the sidewalk project dumped and piled at the town garage. As you are aware the Towns storm water permit does not allow on site processing so will it just add to the already terrible look of the property? Add to the storm water contamination issue already existing? The taxpayers were also taxed for the paving of the highway garage parking lot will the material be removed for this?

Look forward to your response

Thank you

Matt Starr

REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OR REFUND OF PROPERTY TAXES

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TOWN OF KENT RESOLUTION DEDICATING KENT TOWN HALL TO MAUREEN BRADY

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 1st day of December, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting throughout.

WHEREAS, Maureen Brady has served The Town of Kent for over forty years in multiple roles across Kent's municipal government; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 she made history by becoming the first-ever woman elected to the highest elected office in Kent – that of First Selectman - making national headlines in The New York Times and Vanity Fair, and international headlines as far away as Ireland and New Zealand about "The Town Run by Women" as at the time, in addition to Mrs. Brady, the roles of Tax Collector, Selectman, Postmaster, Judge of Probate, the local newspaper editor, and State Representative were all held by women; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership as First Selectman, she protected the health and safety of our community and was a staunch fiscal steward in many ways including:

- Partnering with KVFD Fire Chief Bob Soule to develop Kent's first Local Emergency Operations Plan;
- Contracting with Torrington Area Health Department for all public health related needs, a successful regional partnership that continues to this day;
- Working with Planning & Zoning Chair Griggs Irving to fend off a potentially disastrous attempt by Union Carbide to relocate their headquarters from New York City to a parcel of land in North Kent;
- Secured grant funding for many municipal projects, saving taxpayers millions of dollars;
 and

WHEREAS, she was a never-ending builder of relationships and partnerships, leveraging the Selectman's Advisory Committee – made up of a broad constituency from all corners of the community – to come together and collaborate on ideas and issues as an 'early alert' think tank to address many issues of the broader Kent community; and

WHEREAS, of her many large projects, possibly her most emblematic project she brought to completion was her leadership role in the building of the current Town Hall. Recognizing the increasing number of municipal staff had outgrown the space at what is now known as the 'old town hall' (located on South Main Street), Maureen ensured the creation of a building committee, and continued the early work of her predecessor Bob Ward, negotiating with Gordon Casey to change his initial land offer on the Kent Green of one acre to two acres. She worked with the community to gain approval of the offer and in 1989, she oversaw the move from the old building to the newly built brick building that is our Town Hall today; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Selectman dedicate the Kent Town Hall, located at 41 Kent Green Boulevard, to Maureen Brady to honor her lifelong commitment to the well-being and thoughtful stewardship of our community, her leadership in the pioneering days of women in leadership roles is an inspiration to all people of the town, and her visionary role in creating a new, enduring home for Kent's municipal government.

Given under my hand as Town Clerk of Kent this 1st day of December, 2022.

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