

Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting

November 28, 2018
4:30 P.M. Town Hall

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Present: Bruce Adams, Chris Garrity and Jeff Parkin.

Also present: Catherine Bachrach, David Bain, John Casey, John Grant, Hedy Kinney, Rick Osborne and Elyse Sadtler.

Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Adams stated that the agenda has two items:

- Streetscape
- Five-Year Capital Plan

He stated that, due to scheduling conflicts of the Fire Chief and the Board of Education Chairman, the Five-Year Capital Plan would not be discussed at this meeting.

Mr. Adams stated that Mr. Casey would present the Streetscape Committee's recommendation for the Streetscape project. Mr. Casey provided a condensed version of the Streetscape Final Report for the Board of Selectmen (attached). Mr. Casey stated that the Streetscape Committee would like to bring the full project proposal to the Town's taxpayers for a vote. The sub-committee feels the full project is the most desirable for the safety and to tie the Village Center together. During the presentation there was discussion about the following:

- Safety
- The need for curbing
- Potential for different materials
- Completing the project in phases
- Lighting
- How to present the project to the Taxpayers

Mr. Garrity stated that the Streetscape Committee was charged with the following:

- Compiling a plan for the rehab of Kent's Village Center.

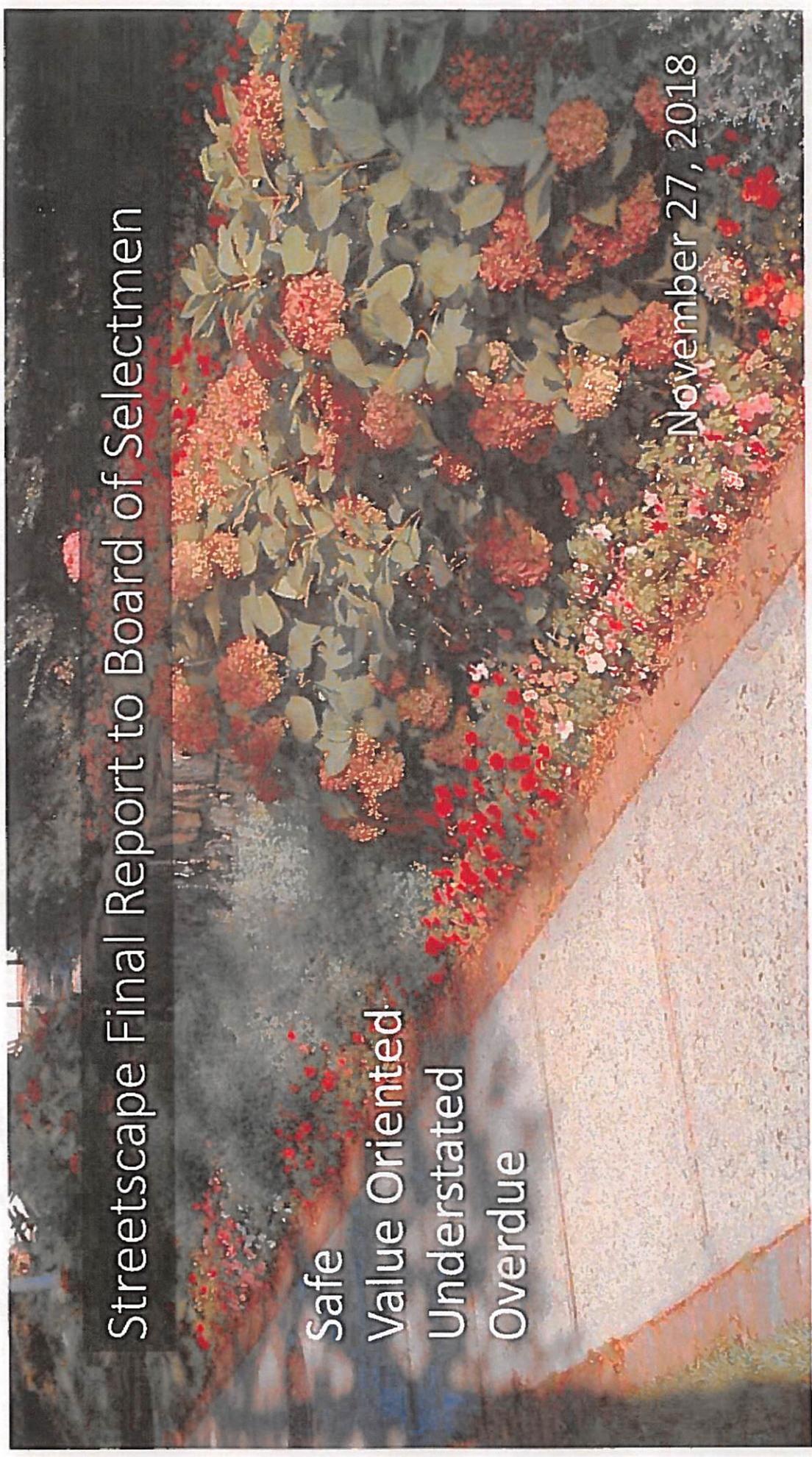
He stated that the sub-committee has done that and now the BOS has to decide what "they" want to do with that recommendation. Mr. Parkin asked if the recommendation and/or the sub-committee needs to go to the Board of Finance. Mr. Adams stated that the sub-committee has already been before the Board of Finance.

Mr. Parkin made a motion to schedule a Town Hearing on Thursday, January 17, 2019, immediately following the Town Meeting, to present the Streetscape Committee's recommendation of the \$3,826,000 proposed Streetscape project. Mr. Garrity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Mr. Adams made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 p.m. Mr. Parkin seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Joyce Kearns
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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 of these minutes.



Streetscape Final Report to Board of Selectmen

Safe
Value Oriented
Understated
Overdue

November 27, 2018

Streetscape Committee

- The Streetscape Committee has been in existence officially since 2010.
- The committee has been working with the guidance of CT DOT and the engineering firm, Milone & MacBroom for over eight and six years, respectively.
- The committee has pursued all streetscape alternatives with diligence and visited over 25 towns in the Northwest Corner and elsewhere to learn how other communities have addressed this issue.
- We are not recommending a "Cadillac" or "Gold" solution to this community problem, rather, we are recommending the solution which offers the best value and the solution which almost all other rural communities in this part of the state have chosen. There's a reason for this.



Recommendations in Order of Preference with Estimated Prices

- Build the entire project in substantial conformance with the attached plan using concrete for sidewalks and granite for curbing. This includes all portions of Route 7 and all portions of Route 341 shown on the plan.

Estimated Cost \$3,826,000

- Build the entire Route 7 portion of the plan using concrete for sidewalks and granite for curbing.

Estimated Cost \$2,660,500

- Build the entire project in substantial conformance with the attached plan using asphalt for sidewalks and granite for curbing. This includes all portions of Route 7 and all portions of Route 341 shown on the plan.

Estimated Cost \$2,739,000



Building Materials

- Our recommendation for concrete sidewalks and granite curbing was the unanimous choice of the nine committee members who have studied this matter for a period of years. These materials are also the recommendation of our engineering advisors at Milone MacBroom, people who deal with these materials every day. Concrete and granite will provide the best long-term value and pay dividends in terms of long-term durability, structural integrity and appearance.
- If done properly, the streetscape improvements will make our streetscape safe, will require minimal maintenance and won't have to be redone for 40-50 years.
- Please see the links below, particularly the Williams Stone link for the financial analysis of granite curbing vs. concrete or asphalt curbing.
- <https://eastcoastpavement.com/blog/2018/01/25/concrete-sidewalk-vs-asphalt-sidewalk/>
- <http://www.williamsstone.com/documents/11-06-Life-Cycle-Cost.pdf>
- https://www.pwomag.com/facilities/asphalt-vs-concrete-in-trails-and-sidewalks_0
- <https://www.quora.com/Why-are-roads-covered-with-asphalt-and-sidewalks-made-from-concrete>
- <http://americangranitecurb.com/why-use-granite-curb/>



Asphalt sidewalks and concrete curbing at Ten Mile RR Station — opened July 2000

Infrastructure Investment

- This is an infrastructure investment and an investment in the present *as well as* the future. It needs to be made.
- No comprehensive project in anyone's memory has been undertaken to maintain and construct uniform sidewalks throughout the village to current safety standards.
- Sidewalks are like any other asset of the town, they need periodic investment and upgrading.
- Safe Sidewalks are a basic need of any community – just like roads, sewers and schools.
- This investment will benefit all our townspeople.



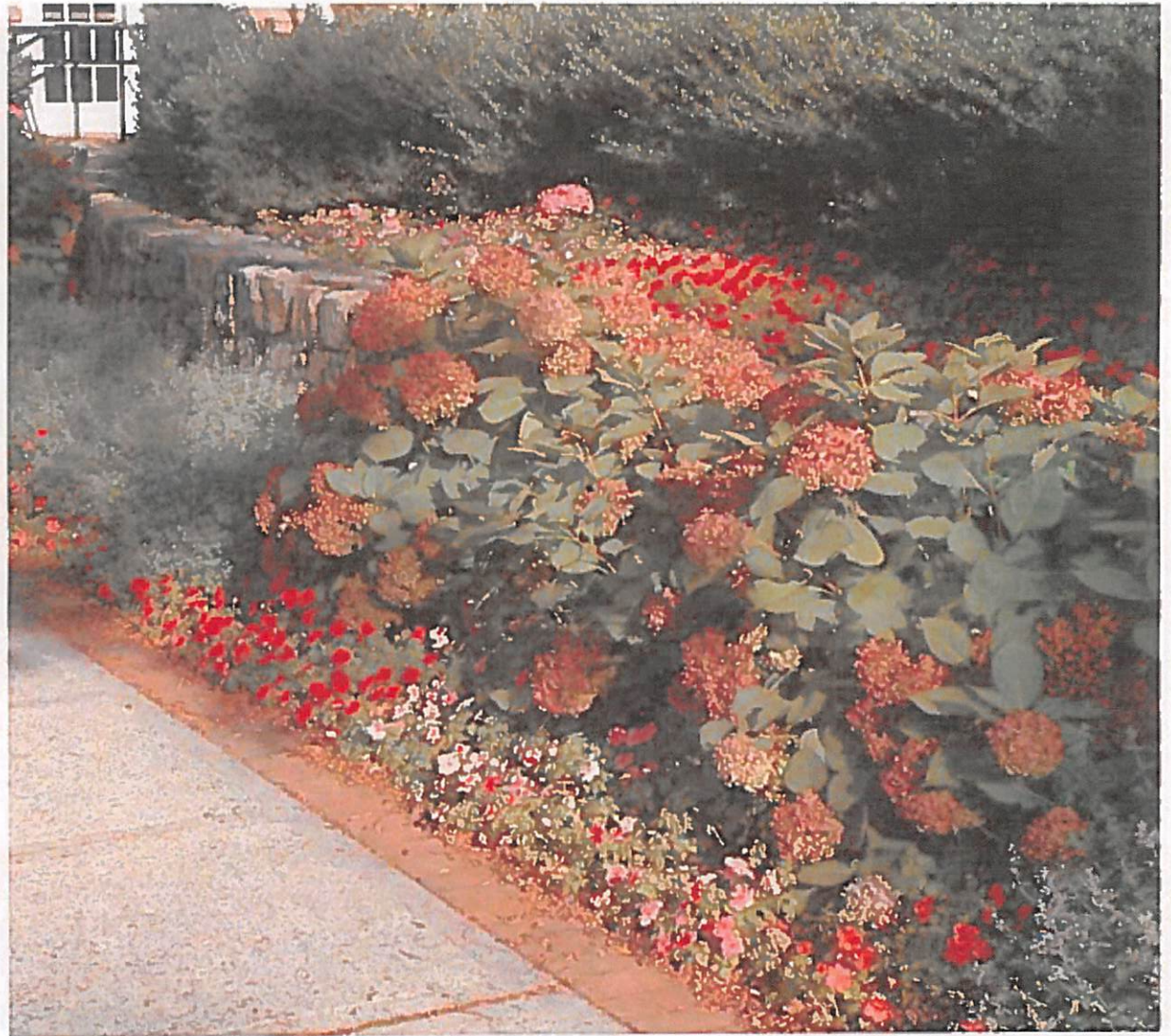
Health and Safety

- This is a health and safety issue.
- Tens of thousands of people walk on these sidewalks each year – townspeople and visitors.
- Consistent with our aging demographic, many are elderly. Some have physical disabilities.
- The sidewalks are uneven, inconsistent, leave many areas of the village unserved and are poorly lit.
- They do not conform to CT handicap codes or requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.



Economic Influence

- This project will have a positive economic influence on the entire community.
- If done properly, the streetscape improvements will require minimal maintenance and won't have to be redone for 40-50 years.
- With a refurbished streetscape, the likelihood of attracting investment capital is significantly increased.
- The streetscape sets the tone for the entire community. An attractive streetscape enhances the economic well being and stability of the community and all its property owners.



Thank you.

Your leadership is an important component of the success of this project.

We are happy to provide additional information.

Streetscape Committee Members

Catherine Bachrach

David Bain

Jim Blacketter

John Casey

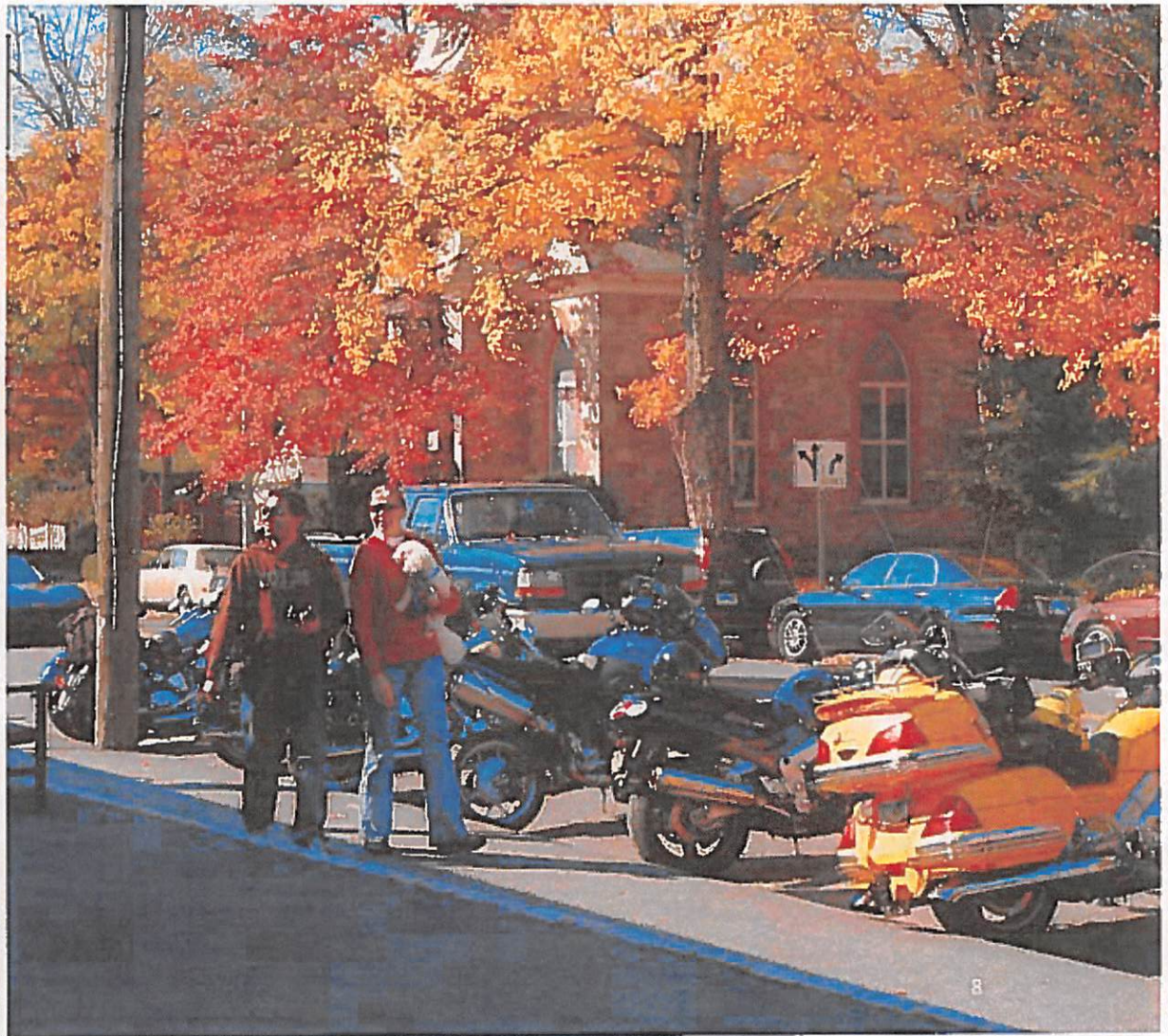
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