

**Town of Kent – Streetscape Committee  
Regular Meeting – November 10, 2018**

**Present:** Committee members John Casey, Rick Osborne, Catherine Bachrach, David Bain and Hedy Kinney, as well as Bruce Adams and Donald Cramer, South Main Street property owner.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by John Casey, in Mike Everett's absence. On a motion by David and second by Rick, the minutes of the October 13 meeting were approved.

Public communications: Catherine reported on an informal conversation with Templeton Farm residents, in which they conveyed concern about the safety of sidewalks, especially on Route 341 in front of the Mobil station, where cars shortcut through from Route 7. Trucks from construction are frequently parked on the sidewalk, blocking access. Rick will speak with folks at the station about this.

Report on October 18 presentation to Board of Finance: A number of committee members attended and John Casey made the presentation. Up to \$40,000 was approved by planning expenses, especially the survey by Bob Hock, which is already in process.

The committee discussed our options at length and agreed on the following – that the committee present the full project with cement sidewalks and granite curbs as its strong recommendation. In his presentation, John will include other NW towns as a point of reference and use graphics to demonstrate the longevity of the above materials. He will cite the work that has already been done at crosswalks and the economic benefit and safety issues.

The committee will go back to the BOS with the above recommendations as the best option. If not approved at a Town Meeting, we will go back with a revised, smaller project - such as Route 7 only or downgraded materials. **The BOS meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 27 at 4:30 p.m.**

Report on November 7 presentation to Board of Selectmen: John presented and Jim, Rick, David, Hedy and Catherine attended. The selectmen were given the presentation packet and agreed that the issue should go to a Town Meeting. They are aware, as is the Board of Finance, that the grant expires at the end of December, 2019.

Main Street updates: Bruce reported that there is no provision in the work currently being done to change the access to the Mobil gas station, but that could be explored as part of the work, if the plan is approved. He also noted that DOT apparently has a five-year plan to redo that intersection.

Dates for 2019 meetings: On a motion by Rick and second by Hedy, the following dates were approved – January 12, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, August 10, September 14, October 12, November 9 and December 14. All are second Saturdays and the time is 8 a.m. for all meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m. on a motion by David Bain. Our next meeting date is December 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bachrach, Secretary

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Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections and approval of these minutes.

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