Town of Kent Streetscape Building Committee

Minutes for Special Zoom Meeting

Monday April 13, 2020, 5:30

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 by John Johnson. Attending were Rick Osborne, Mike Gawel, Jack Nelson, Ed Matson, and John Johnson.

Jack Nelson nominated Mike Gawel to be Chairman. Ed Matson seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.
Mike Gawel nominated John Johnson to be Secretary. Ed Matson seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.
Mike Gawel nominated Jack Nelson to be Vice Chairman. John Johnson seconded. Approved by unanimous vote.

The Board of Selectmen’s charge to the Building Committee was read by Chairman Gawel.

John Johnson pointed out that Milone and MacBroom engineers are using the recommendations of the first Streetscape Committee to produce their working documents. It was also pointed out that the section of South Main Street on the west side was extended to the Kent Greenhouse by the BOS in their contract with Milone and MacBroom.

Mike Gawel reported that he had spoken with Mike Dougherty, of Milone and MacBroom. Dougherty had tried to schedule a site visit with a representative of DOT, but she wanted a set of plans to review before coming out into the field. Mike Dougherty is working on a set of 50% plans to submit to DOT.
Mike Dougherty has already conducted a site visit, with Rick Osborne and Ed Matson present.

John Johnson reported that he had a conversation with Treasurer Barbara Herbst last week. She said that the $500,000 grant has been extended to Dec. 31, 2020. She said that the money must be expended by that time in order to receive reimbursement. Mike Gawel asked if the other $400,000 grant had an expiration date. Rick Osborne and John Johnson said they didn’t know for sure, but they had never heard of an expiration date.
Barbara Herbst has not heard back from the State about the TAP grant through NWHCOG, nor had she expected to hear anything by this time. Rick Osborne will contact Rick Lynn at NWHCOG for an update.
The committee agreed that there was no need to schedule regular meetings until more information or documents were received, but another ZOOM meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 20, at 7:00 AM.

John Johnson moved to adjourn at 6:15. Seconded by Ed Matson and approved by unanimous vote.

Submitted April 14, 2020

John Johnson, Secretary