Town of Kent – Streetscape Committee
Regular Meeting – January 12, 2019

Present: Committee members John Casey, Jim Blackketter, Rick Osborne, Catherine Bachrach, John Johnson, and Hedy Kinney, as well as First Selectman Bruce Adams and Selectman Chris Garrity

The meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m. by John Casey, in Mike Everett’s absence. Approval of Minutes was added to the agenda. On a motion by Jim and second by Rick, the minutes of the December 8 regular meeting were approved. On a motion by Jim and second by John Johnson, the minutes of the January 5 special meeting were approved.

Public communications: Catherine shared an email from M. Stearns expressing concern about nighttime visibility for older drivers.

Report on 1/8/19 BOS Meeting/Review of Flyer: The flyer went out to the people on the Selectman’s newsletter email list a few days prior to this meeting. There was no link to an informational document previously given to the BOS because there had been a few minor changes/updates, discussed at the 11/27 BOS meeting. If those changes are reflected in the BOS minutes, that document can be used.

The committee discussed the 1/17/19 presentation after the Annual Town Meeting. Bruce will do the welcome and scope of project piece and John will have a stripped down presentation with slides. The following will be covered – scope of project, $500,000 Main Street grant, impact on taxes and retirement of two Town debts, context/history of committee and project, safety issues, maintenance and longevity issues and uniformity of sidewalks throughout village, how the project fits into the Plan of Conversation and Development and next steps. There will be a handout available. The role of the Board of Finance was discussed and chairman Mark Sebetic will be asked to attend, as well as a representative of Milone and MacBroom. The goal is to keep the presentation to 20 to 30 minutes and open the meeting for discussion/questions after the presentation.

Board of Finance John will attend the BOF meeting on 1/15/19 to determine that board’s role moving forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m. on a motion by Jim Blackketter.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Bachrach, Secretary

These are draft minutes and the Streetscape Committee may make corrections at its subsequent meeting. Please refer to subsequent meeting minutes for possible corrections and approval of these minutes.