

KENT STREETScape COMMITTEE
MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, 9 September 2019 @ 5:00pm

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A meeting was held on 9 September 2019 @ 5:00pm at Town Hall. Those **Present** on the Committee were: John Johnson, Mike Gawel, Jack Nelson, Elyse Sadtler and Wes Wyrick. **Guests** included: John Casey Rick Osborne. The meeting was called to order @ 5:00 by John. The following actions were taken:

- Meeting Minutes of 27 August 2019 to be approved at the next meeting.
- Letters submitted this week were from Betty Krasne and Jee Mee Kim and are attached for the record.
- John reported that an application for a Federal grant (TAP Fund) has been made for the sidewalk corridor from the Monument south on Route 7 to South Commons Road and from the monument east on Route 341 to Stuart Farm Affordable Housing. Should the funds become available, then adjustments can be made in the scope of the current sidewalk work. Preliminary indication of the grant availability maybe made by the end of this month.
- John began the discussion on material selection by saying that he hoped decisions could be made tonight. First, John made a motion, seconded by Wes to propose the use of granite curbing for all proposed new sidewalk construction. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.
- Wes submitted plan maps and material sections for the purpose of discussion of the Five Sections in the Town targeted for sidewalk work. John suggested that the Committee review each Section for scope approval:
- **Section 1: Monument south on Route 7 to South Commons:** A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Elyse to propose Asphalt sidewalks beginning at the crosswalk at the corner of Routes 7 and 341 and extending southward to South Commons on the east side and to a point ending at the driveway to RT Facts on the west side of Route 7. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 1.
- **Section 2: Monument north on Main Street (Route 7) to the Railroad Tracks:** A motion was made by Wes, seconded by John to propose Concrete sidewalks on both sides of Main Street. After discussion, the motion was approved, 5 to 0.
- **Section 3: Railroad Tracks north on Route 7 to the Congregational Church:** A motion was made by Wes and seconded by Jack to propose the continuation of Concrete sidewalks to the northerly driveway of Kent Green Blvd on the east side of North Main (Route 7) and then end

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KENT STREETCART COMMITTEE

MINUTES FROM SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, 9 September 2019 @ 2:00pm

A meeting was held on 9 September 2019 @ 2:00pm at Town Hall. Those present on the Committee were: John Johnson, Mike Gwyll, Jack Nelson, Elyse Sadler and Wae Wyrick. Guests included John Casey, Rick Osborn. The meeting was called to order @ 2:00 by John. The following actions were taken:

- Meeting Minutes of 23 August 2019 to be approved at the next meeting.
- Action submitted this week were from Betty Krassie and Joe Mac Kim and are attached for the record.
- John reported that an application for a Federal grant (TAN Fund) has been made for the sidewalk connector from the monument south on Route 7 to South Commons Road and from the monument east on Route 341 to Stuart Farm Affordable Housing. Should the funds become available, then adjustments can be made in the scope of the current sidewalk work. Preliminary indication of grant availability was made by the end of this month.
- John began the discussion on material selection by saying that he hoped decision could be made tonight. First, John made a motion, seconded by Wae to propose the use of granite curbing for all proposed new sidewalk construction. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 5 to 0.
- Wae submitted plan maps and material sections for the purpose of discussion of the five sections in the Town targeted for sidewalk work. John suggested that the Committee review each section for scope approval:
 - Section 1: Monument south on Route 7 to South Commons. A motion was made by Jack and seconded by Elyse to propose Asphalt sidewalks beginning at the crosswalk at the corner of Routes 7 and 341 and extending southward to South Commons on the east side and to a point ending at the driveway to RT Road on the west side of Route 7. After discussion, the motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 1.
 - Section 2: Monument north on Main Street (Route 7) to the Railroad Tracks. A motion was made by Wae, seconded by John to propose Concrete sidewalks on both sides of Main Street. After discussion, the motion was approved. 2 to 0.
 - Section 3: Railroad Tracks north on Route 7 to the Congregational Church. A motion was made by Wae and seconded by Jack to propose the continuation of Concrete sidewalks to the northerly driveway of Kent Green Blvd on the east side of North Main (Route 7) and then end

new sidewalk development. AND, propose Concrete sidewalks on the west side of North Main to the parking lot of the Fife and Drum and then end new sidewalk development. After discussions, the motion was approved 5 to 0

- **Section 4: Monument east on Route 341 to Maple Street Extension (Train Crossing):** A motion was made by John and seconded by Elyse to propose Concrete sidewalks from the Monument ending at Old Barn Road on the north side and on the south side extend concrete sidewalk to the driveway of the Fire Department where sidewalk development ends, then to extend Asphalt sidewalk to Maple Street Extension on the north side of 341. After discussion, the motion was approved 4 to 1.
- **Section 5: Monument west on Route 341 to Elizabeth Street:** A motion was made by Wes seconded by Elyse to propose concrete sidewalks to a point ending at St Andrew Parish Hall driveway on the north side and to a point ending at the Catholic Church driveway on the south side, then extend asphalt sidewalks on both sides of 341 to the intersection of Elizabeth Street. After discussion, the motion was carried 4 to 1
- The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17 September at 5:00 at Town Hall.
- Mike made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Wes at 7:00pm, carried 5 to 0.

Respectfully submitted in draft by Wes, Secretary, this 28th day of August 2019

Minutes are not considered final until approved. Refer to Minutes of the ensuing meeting for any changes / corrections.



From: **John Johnson** john.adele@charter.net

Subject: Fwd: Streetscape feedback

Date: September 6, 2019 at 4:29 PM

To: **Bruce Adams** firstselectman@townofkentct.org, **Elyse Sadtler** hennabyelyse@gmail.com, **Mike Gawel** mikegawel@gmail.com, **John Johnson** john.adele@charter.net, **Wes Wyrick** wyrickassociates@yahoo.com, **William Bachrach** wbachrach@snet.net, **Rick Osborne** publicworks@townofkentct.org, **Jack Nelson** jacknelson@concordenviro.com

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bruce Adams <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>

Subject: Fwd: Streetscape feedback

Date: September 5, 2019 at 10:43:47 AM EDT

To: John Johnson <john.adele@charter.net>

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From: **Jee Mee Kim** <kimjeemee@gmail.com>

Date: Wed, Sep 4, 2019 at 6:49 PM

Subject: Streetscape feedback

To: <firstselectman@townofkentct.org>

Dear Selectman,

I am a resident at 80 Kent Hollow Road in South Kent and an urban planner who spent 14 years as a Principal in a NYC-based transportation engineering planning and engineering. I currently work at a real estate and economic development consultancy in the City advising public and private clients on projects that include downtown revitalization efforts. For two decades I have worked with civil engineers, landscape architects, and architects to develop streetscape concepts, traffic calming measures, and urban design features for communities across the U.S.

I understand you are weighing the options between asphalt and concrete and I would strongly recommend that you consider the latter. Although more expensive, concrete is significantly more durable, heat resistant, and frankly - attractive - than asphalt. I believe that the current streetscape package is fairly basic; cutting additional corners by selecting cheaper materials like asphalt is shortsighted and ill-advised.

Thank you for considering my views on this matter.

Best,

Jee Mee Kim
917 428 3328

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DT: 6 Sept. 2019
TO: Streetscape Group 2
FR: B.Krasne, 22 Chimney Rock
RE: Getting the job done?

Previously, I have attended the town meetings, upstairs and downstairs, on this subject. I have written in support of the dedicated town's people who constituted the first group working on our sidewalks and their thorough, informed resulting report. I have voted in support of their conclusions, as have the majority of those attending the meetings.

So I find it frustrating to see another group doing this work all over again, to understand that we are at risk of losing half a million dollars in grants for this project, and to fathom why some people continue to make this so complicated. Towns all around us have put in durable, safe, and attractive sidewalks: neatly defining granite curbs, concrete walkways. Kent has so much to offer compared to some of those other villages, yet we continue to –literally- stumble along on broken streets, cars on sidewalks because there are no longer viable curbs, and a crazy quilt of patches.

It is ugly, it is unsafe, and it is unnecessary. We had the money to get going. Let's make our town walkways safe and attractive in a lasting way with concrete sidewalls and granite curbs that will last well past all our expiration dates.

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