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### **Draft Minutes**

Town of Kent Streetscape Building Sub-Committee

Special Meeting – via Zoom

Monday, November 8, 2021

5:30 P.M.

#### **Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Gawel at 5:30 PM.

Members in attendance: Mike Gawel, Jack Nelson, Rick Osborne, John Johnson.

Also in attendance: Jean Speck, Barbara Herbst, Rufus de Rham, Donna Hayes.

Glen Sanchez joined in at 5:45.

#### **Approval of May 20, 2021 minutes**

Mr. Osborne moved to approve minutes as submitted. Mr. Johnson seconded.

Approved unanimously.

#### **Update from Mike Doherty**

Mr. Gawel asked Ms. Speck for an update on easements still outstanding:

In late August CT DOT informed the Town that permanent easements still need to be obtained for several small areas:

St. Andrews Episcopal Church: 99 sf at the corner of North Main St. and Bridge St.

Kent Center LLC: 35 sf and 163 sf near Swyft Restaurant and House of Books on North Main St.

Ms. Speck has been in contact with Town attorneys regarding the easements, but no certain progress has been made. She will continue to prod them.

Mr. Gawel asked if we have lost the \$500,000 Main Street Investment Grant. Ms. Herbst reported that she has applied for another extension, but that she was told last year that another extension would likely not be granted. The grant is due to expire at the end of this year.

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Mr. Gawel asked if we can spend some of the Main Street Grant on materials now, in case we lose the grant at the end of the year. Ms. Herbst will find out. Mr. Osborne will update pricing and availability.

### **Next Step**

Ms. Speck will continue contact with the Town Attorney regarding permanent easements.

Ms. Herbst will check if we can possibly use some of the Main Street Grant money before the end of the year.

Mr. Osborne will update pricing and availability of granite curbing.

Mr. Gawel will check with Gina Greenalch, CT DOT, to inquire if there could be any more surprises to slow our progress.

### **Next meeting date and time**

Next meeting was scheduled for Friday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 PM. Mr. Gawel asked to have the meeting live in Town Hall. Ms. Speck will check CT state guidelines regarding in person meetings without hybrid attendance.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Gawel adjourned the meeting. at 6:03.

Submitted by John Johnson, Secretary

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