



Draft Minutes

Town of Kent Streetscape Building Sub-Committee
Special Meeting – via Zoom
Thursday, September 10, 2020
5:30 P.M.

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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, Ed Matson, John Johnson

Also in attendance: Joyce Kearns, Barbara Herbst, Mike Doherty of the engineering firm of Milone and MacBroome.

Approval of September 3, 2020 minutes

Mr. Nelson moved to approve the draft minutes as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Osborne. Approved unanimously.

Update from Mike Doherty

Mr. Doherty reviewed his phone call earlier today with Stephen Curley of the Housatonic Railroad. The railroad is still only in the planning stages of an upgrade to their crossing on North Main Street, with no timetable for the work. Mr. Curley said that the railroad would likely want pedestrian crossing arms at sidewalk areas, but the cost of that work would not be the Town's responsibility (except possibly for the addition of sidewalk area on the west side of Main Street and north of the railroad).

Mr. Doherty believes that the survey we have will be sufficient for the project, unless more detail is needed for easements. Mr. Doherty is working to provide the Board of Selectmen with a list of the rest of the properties that will need easements.

Mr. Osborne has submitted an application to the Kent Inland Wetlands Commission for use of the parking area in front of the tennis courts at Kent

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Common Park for temporary storage of materials. Kent Park and Recreation Commission will also need to be contacted.

Mr. Johnson has spoken with Sarah Marshall, of the Kent Memorial Library, regarding sidewalk width in front of the library. Ms. Marshall said that the sidewalk could maintain standard width in front of the library, rather than becoming wider as it currently is.

Mr. Johnson also spoke with Elissa Potts, of the Fife and Drum Restaurant. Ms. Potts would like to maintain their current bluestone walkway area for outdoor dining. She requested that she be notified of the Committee's site visit so that she can discuss the plan with us.

Next Step

Mr. Osborne will continue with the permit process for storage at Kent Common Park.

Mr. Osborne will confirm the process for purchasing materials and services this fall and will move forward accordingly.

Next meeting date and time

The next meeting was set as a site walk for Thursday September 17, at 5:00 PM, meeting at the gravel parking lot at the Kent Volunteer Fire Department.

Adjournment

Mr. Gawel adjourned the meeting. at 6:23.

Submitted by John Johnson, Secretary

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