



Draft Minutes

Town of Kent Streetscape Building Sub-Committee
Special Meeting – via Zoom
Thursday, October 8, 2020
5:30 P.M.

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BY *J. Doherty*
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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, Ed Matson, Jack Nelson, Rick Osborne, John Johnson

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

Approval of September 24, 2020 minutes

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

Update from Mike Doherty

Mr. Gawel spoke with Bruce Bennet, Town Tree Warden, about the tree at 9 Maple Street. Mr. Bennett said that the tree is a species of concern, but the tree is on the decline. The tree appears to be on private property but is likely to be impacted by the sidewalk construction.

Mr. Doherty has not yet heard back from the Town's attorney regarding easements and other documents.

Mr. Doherty has spoken with Gina Gerlach, of CT DOT, regarding the sidewalk in front of the Fife and Drum Restaurant. Ms. Gerlach wants to maintain the current snow shelf, so the sidewalk curb will not be moved out to the paved area of Rt. 7.

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Mr. Doherty asked CT DOT for information on the status of the possible railroad crossing work on North Main St. but has not received a response.

Mr. Doherty reported that CT DOT would be OK for the Town to change catch basin tops as needed with granite-backed tops to match the profile of our new granite curbing. He estimated the cost of each top at \$3,500, installed. He stated that about 27 tops may need to be replaced. Alternately, he is looking into the cost of fabricating short sections of granite curbing to transition to the profile of the existing catch basin tops.

Mr. Nelson found precast concrete catch basin tops to match granite curbing on a website for the Town of Agawam, MA.

Mr. Osborne reported that we have received permits to use the area at the front of Kent Common Park for storage and staging for the sidewalk project. Some clearing has been completed and more prep work will be done as needed.

Mr. Osborne has requested prices for granite curbing and process base material for purchase this fall. He expects to have the prices for the next BOS meeting.

The Committee again discussed extending the sidewalk on South Main Street to the Kent Greenhouse. The extension would be expensive but would complete the sidewalk network to the business properties on Routes 7 and 341.

Mr. Nelson moved that the section of sidewalk from 26 South Main Street to the Kent Greenhouse be made an alternative bid in the project. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Approved unanimously.

Next Step

Mr. Gawel will present an update to the next BOS meeting.

Mr. Osborne will present pricing for purchase of materials this fall to the next BOS meeting.

Next meeting date and time

The next meeting was set as a ZOOM meeting for Thursday October 22, at 5:30 PM.

Adjournment

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Mr. Gawel adjourned the meeting. at 6:10.

Submitted by John Johnson, Secretary

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