



Draft Minutes

Town of Kent Streetscape Building Sub-Committee
Special Meeting – via Zoom
Thursday, November 19, 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, Ed Matson, Jack Nelson, Rick Osborne, John Johnson

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

Approval of October 22, 2020 minutes

Mr. Osborne commented that Century Aggregates had also bid on gravel for the project.

Mr. Gawel moved to approve the draft minutes as amended. Seconded by Mr. Johnson. Approved unanimously.

Update from Mike Doherty

Mr. Doherty is working to finalize easement documents. The town's attorney missed some time due to medical issues, but Mr. Doherty has an appointment with him next Tuesday to discuss the issue.

Mr. Doherty reported that DOT says it is typical for a town to offer to replace trees that are removed during a project, with a \$1,000 cap. Mr. Gawel asked if that included removing trees whose roots might damage the new sidewalks. The issue was not completely resolved.

Mr. Doherty reported that his plans and specifications are 90% finished. He has been in contact with DOT representatives and plans to submit documents to them

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by the end of December. He plans to send them out to bid in late February, with construction to begin in early May. The schedule will depend on the Town's ability to secure easements and on DOT response time.

Ms. Speck confirmed that the Town of Kent has been awarded a TAP grant from the state for construction of new sidewalks in areas that have no sidewalks now.

Mr. Gawel asked if we should remove the areas south and east of the monument from the current project so that they can be funded by the TAP grant.

Mr. Johnson moved that the Committee ask the Board of Selectmen to confirm or redefine the scope of the current project in consideration of the TAP grant.

Seconded by Mr. Gawel. Approved unanimously. Mr. Gawel will attend the BOS ZOOM meeting on Dec. 8 to present the request.

Mr. Osborne reported that no materials have been purchased yet under the Main Street grant. He reported that granite curbing could not be delivered until spring. Gravel might still be purchased and delivered, but he thinks that may actually complicate the bidding process and not save the Town any money in the end. Mr. Gawel agreed with that concern. Mr. Osborne and Ms. Herbst are pursuing the possibility of an extension to the Main Street Grant so that the money could be used in the spring.

Next Step

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

Mr. Osborne and Ms. Herbst will continue discussions with the state regarding the Main Street Grant.

Next meeting date and time

The next meeting was set as a ZOOM meeting for Thursday December 3, at 6:00 PM.

Adjournment

Mr. Gawel adjourned the meeting. at 6:08.

Submitted by John Johnson, Secretary

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