



Draft Minutes

Town of Kent Streetscape Building Sub-Committee
Special Meeting – via Zoom
Thursday, December 3, 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: Joyce Kearns, Mike Doherty of the engineering firm of Milone and MacBroome, Lynn Worthington.

Approval of November 19, 2020 minutes

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

Update from Mike Doherty

Mr. Doherty reported that he has spoken with the Town's attorney, Randy DiBella, regarding easement documents for the sidewalk project. Attorney DiBella will prepare draft easement templates for Milone & MacBroome to review.

Mr. Doherty said that most of the easements will be temporary, to allow access during construction only. However, drainage easements in the area between Lane Street and the railroad tracks on the west side of North Main Street might require permanent easements. He said that engineers at Milone & MacBroome are working on alternatives that might allow positive surface drainage into catch basins, resulting in no permanent easements or less complicated easements.

Mr. Doherty reported that he has spoken with Stephen Curley, Supervising Rail Officer with CT DOT. Mr. Curley has attempted to schedule a meeting with a

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representative of Housatonic Railroad to meet in Kent to review the railroad's plans for upgrading their Main Street crossing. Mr. Curley has not been able to schedule such a meeting, so he will come to Kent on his own next week to assess how sidewalk improvements might be influenced by the railroad's long range plans.

Mr. Osborne reported that as far as he knows Treasurer Barbara Herbst has not heard back from the State regarding an extension to the Main Street Grant.

Mr. Gawel asked if the time line presented by Mr. Doherty at our last meeting is still valid. Mr. Doherty responded that it is. Mr. Gawel will be able to present that schedule to the Board of Selectmen.

Next Step

Mr. Gawel will present an update at the BOS meeting next Tuesday. He will also ask the BOS to confirm or redefine the scope of the current project in light of the TAP Grant that the Town has received for construction of new sidewalks where there are none currently (as discussed and agreed upon during the Nov. 19 meeting).

Next meeting date and time

The next meeting was set as a ZOOM meeting for Thursday December 10, at 5:30 PM.

Adjournment

Mr. Gawel adjourned the meeting. at 5:45.

Submitted by John Johnson, Secretary

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