

The Historic Village Improvement Committee  
(Village Sidewalk Committee)  
Meeting Notes for Tuesday February 6, 2018

Present: DJ Noyes, William Douglass, Brian Cooper

Guests: Bob Carlson, Dick Blodgett, Gary Annino

Meeting called at 7:06

1. Committee names were discussed. "The Historic Village Improvement Committee" was voted on and selected.
2. Discussion of sidewalks. What type of material, what is cost, how do we integrate that plan with lighting and landscaping.
3. Landscaping touched on using blight resistant tree plantings for a long-term approach.
4. Discussed that sleeves might be installed under sidewalks to allow any additional work done after sidewalks are installed. Sleeves for future water hook ups. What else would impact sidewalks after the fact.
5. Some concerns that adding sidewalks would reduce road side parking in town.
6. Where would sidewalks go. The side of Main street with the Library, School and Church is a prime location.
7. Can we get the school, library and Churches to request grant money for sidewalks in front of their properties?
8. Street lights were discussed. How many do we currently have? What does the town pay to operate those lights? What type of lights and posts might work. What preparation would be required for historical lamps and posts? Westerly was sighted as a successful installation. Do we currently have energy efficient lamps with led?
9. Gary mentioned that he received negative comments from town residents regarding speed humps.
10. We discussed other locations that have successfully installed speed humps, Noank, Masons Island, Groton Long Point and Charlestown. Most residents say they greatly improved safety and eliminated speeding.
11. Dick Blodgett asked why not increase police speeding citations and radar traps to slow traffic.
12. DJ Noyes will look into a town map so locations and quantities for speed humps can be located for review purposes. Location of possible street lights, Locations of possible landscaping
13. There used to be designated bike lanes but that was lost when water lines were installed. Can we get those back via the board of selectmen.

14. Bob Carlson mentioned that the town meetings will be bi annual. Our proposals should aim for the November meeting, not the May meeting.
15. Preliminary Village questionnaire for the residents in the historic zone was handed out to committee for review and comment.
16. Signage for the Historic districts was discussed. Brian Cooper has an e mail from Paul Lusigan , Historian for the National register of Historic Places. He informed us that there are no specific guide lines for signage that would monument the boundaries of the Historic district. Its up to the town to design and install. Anyone have any graphic design skills??
17. DJ Noyes, is looking into a map of the town and an overlay of the actual boundaries of the Historic District
18. Bob mentioned that Terra Firma is interested in helping establish a farmers market in town. He is asking her to speak at the next meeting.
19. Brian Cooper has been in contact with Eversource to discuss impact of placing utilities underground. Proposed meeting with them in the near future.
20. Brian Cooper spoke with Cherenzia regarding the placement of underground utilities in Watch Hill. A successful project.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes taken by Brian Cooper, distributed by Jonathan Edwards

Next meeting March 6, 2018 7pm Wheeler Library