

AGENDA

Village Sidewalk Committee

Tuesday, February 6, 2018

Special Meeting

7pm Wheeler Library

Members: Jonathan Edwards, Gary Annino, DJ Noyes, William Douglas, Brian Cooper

1. Discuss potential names for this committee.
 - a. One suggestion: North Stonington Historic Village Improvement Committee.
2. This committee will meet the first Tuesday of each month at Wheeler Library 7pm
3. Overall projects currently in review:
Discuss process to create a master Village plan with the following items.
 - a. Safety is a primary goal, where do we potentially want speed humps. How many speed humps. What are legal ramifications. What are signage requirements. Impact on police, EMT, snow plowing. Cost.
 - b. How can we best communicate with residents regarding our potential goals that are in the area designated by the National Register?
I know many people on Babcock, Wyassup and Ruetemann complain about speeding cars and would also like speed humps installed. Is that a separate discussion?
Feedback for overall project. Do we send a mailer? What impact with this have on our intentions? Will this improve more than the quality of life in town, will this improve real estate values?
 - c. How do we engage the Schools, Churches and library. Can they source any grants under their domains. Sidewalks, speed humps and lighting are all within their considerations.
 - d. Review potential for underground utilities. This will be the most expensive aspect of this work. It will also have to be the first task completed before sidewalls, speed humps and lighting can be finalized. Discuss how to determine scope and cost. Sources for potential funding and grants. (I have reached out to EverSource but have not heard back)
 - e. Review design and cost for installing a historical sidewalks, brick with granite curbing? Site what other towns have done in their historic centers.

- f. Discuss historical lighting for the village. What is ideal illumination. How did Stonington, Westerly and Mystic procure their funding?
- g. Discuss ideas regarding possible traffic re routing, pros & cons
- h. Discuss long term landscape goals such as planting disease resistant trees.
- i. Confirm the boundaries of the National Register designation. Will need map to review. Searching for booklet published by the National register that redefines North Stonington's zoning regulations. Have a few leads!
- j. What grant options are available?
- k. Are fundraisers a consideration?
- l. Discuss installing signage at the NR boundaries.
- m. Discuss how to take advantage of the unique and historical aspects of North Stonington. What do we want, B&B's Restaurants, retail etc?
Discuss a public relations campaign to build on what we have and expand awareness of the uniqueness of Historic North Stonington