

Special Selectboard Meeting

Unapproved Minutes

April 27, 2015

Present: Doon Hinderyckx, Larry Straus, Jim Bowen, Chris Rea, Lucy Gibson, Rita Seto, Cheryl Harvey, Mason Wade.

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am.

Capital Plan led to conversation about sidewalks. Kevin Geiger had suggested that the Town apply for a scoping study. Larry noted that this is an old sidewalk system. The sidewalks have deteriorated and in some places, the road and sidewalk are the same level. There are drainage issues as well as parking and traffic flow issues.

Can this study address parking? Storm water? Curbing or lack of it? Chris Rea noted that the main goal of scoping is to NOT create new issues. Jim noted that there is an upcoming State storm water sewer project. What about the future paving project? Parking in the village is an issue, and parking in front of the Federated Church and around the park was discussed. Also the possibility fo making School St a one way street.

Further discussion included Bethel Mtn Rd (Road audit), winter/summer environment differences, and obvious places to park and access the village.

Mason asked if power could be buried, and can there be a recreation trail around the school. This would have to be a minimum of 3 feet width, and would need to be ADA compliant.

Winter maintenance and snow removal was discussed, as well as painting the crosswalks more often or somehow giving them more permanent designation.

We have little control over what happens on Rt 100 since it's a state road. The state has a survey of the storm water system, and it is not known at this time what their plan is. Larry will be meeting with them on Friday.

The process will be collecting data, 3 public meetings that need to be publicized—Meeting 1 will be to gather ideas. Meeting 2 will be presenting alternatives, possibly in September and Meeting 3 will be a more formal recommendation strategy. Construction will be several years in the future. Doon Hinderyckx and Joanne McDonnell will be town contacts.