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Sidewalk and Trail Planning Group Minutes August 8, 2016

Meeting opened at 6:30pm at the bridge on Mason Road near the Grove.

Attendees included: Jordan Bailey, Jay Kramarczyk, Roy Wallen, Cheryl O'Donnell, Alan Rosenberg, Tad Putney and Road Agent Jerry Farwell.

Mason Road Pedestrian Bridge

Attendees discussed the potential locations of a pedestrian bridge over the Nissitissit. The south side of the current vehicular bridge would be optimal as the bridge would be about half the length as compared to the other side. A bridge measuring 60 feet or slightly less would be required. The idea of attaching a pedestrian bridge to the current bridge was discussed and would be less expensive. Tad will check with the state to see if such an approach is permitted and how long we expect the current bridge will last.

Crosswalks in Front of Town Hall

The addition of a crosswalk at the end of Bond Street and one crossing Meetinghouse Hill Road was discussed with Jerry. He has discussed it with the firm that will be doing some line painting in town soon, so the addition of these two crosswalks should occur in the near-term.

Attendees, with the exception of Jerry, then headed back to the Town hall meeting room to continue the meeting.

Minutes

The July 25th meeting minutes were approved.

Letters to Potential Abutters

Attendees reviewed a draft letter to landowners along South Main Street advising them of the current grant application for a sidewalk in front of their homes. It was agreed that the sidewalk/trail survey will be attached to the letter. Next, a letter to abutters for the other potential sidewalk/trail segments was reviewed and revised. The letter will also have the survey attached. The letters to abutters will be sent out the week of August 15th.

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Cost of Sidewalk Snow Removal

Tad will look back over the past two winters to research annual winter maintenance costs for the Town's current sidewalks. Roy said he estimates that there are slightly less than 5 miles of sidewalk currently in the center of town.

EDC Newsletter Submission

Attendees reviewed a draft submission to the September EDC Newsletter advising residents of the upcoming Public Input Session (set for Tuesday, September 20th at 7pm), and soliciting their input via the survey. Revisions were made and it will be submitted to Valerie Rearick for inclusion in the next EDC Newsletter.

Public Survey

Jay reviewed the survey questionnaire he had prepared. Edits were suggested and incorporated. Jay will use Survey Monkey to administer the survey. It was decided that Friday, September 30th will be the deadline for submitting completed surveys. Jay will circulate an updated version for review and comment and then the survey can go "live" next week.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Thursday, September 8th at 6:30pm in the Town Hall meeting room.

Meeting concluded at 8:45pm.

Minutes submitted by Tad Putney.