

ROUTE 7A REHAB CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Minutes

Thursday, March 21, 2019

Present: Mary Bradway, Rus Davis, Jacqueline Fallon (acting as back-up secretary), Christy Frank, Alan Friedman, Bob Haight (Chair), Jeanne Mettler (Town Board Liaison)

Absent: Tom Goldsworthy

- I. The meeting began with a conversation regarding the e-mail from Bob Haight that he forwarded to all committee members regarding other DOT projects taking precedence over our project. Bob felt that Dean Knox was not implying that our project time line was being pushed out, but that he has not had time to devote to our project currently, but plans to do so soon. Therefor it was concluded that we should continue to work on projects that is within our realm i.e. lights, benches...
- II. The next topic was lights.
 - a. Bob asked if we should consult the other town boards their input, but Jeanne felt it wasn't necessary.
 - b. It was agreed that our focus for the lights should start at the center of town and work its way out
 - c. Also for further consideration the following thoughts were voiced: Halogen vs. LED, the amount of lumens that is permitted, the new zoning laws regarding light, spacing of the posts, post height, wind rating, light spray
 - d. Jeanne volunteered to reach out to the hamlet plan designers and William Krattinger, of NYS Historic Preservation Office
 - e. the historical society and the hamlet plan designers to see what their thoughts were for lighting design for the town and what era style they thought the town emulates
- III. Next was a discussion of the town sidewalks
 - a. Jeanne spoke about the sidewalk in front of The General Store and that the town supersedes ownership because of right of way.
 - b. Russ pointed out that the town is not responsible for sidewalk maintenance, but began maintaining it and now it seems to be expected
 - c. Alan voiced that he would like to see a sidewalk from the Grange to the center of town with a crosswalk
- IV. The last subject was regarding drainage
 - a. The committee agreed that whenever we see areas in town on 7A flooding that we would take a picture and e-mail it to Christy noting the date, time, place and weather condition and she would save them all in a Dropbox for future presentation to the DOT engineers to see and assist their decision making when planning the drainage in Copake and the impact of the road height etc.
 - b. Russ and Alan both discussed where drained water would end up if diverted out of town and Russ said that the bridge pylons are 12' deep and that 6' of sediment can safely be removed to assist in the flow of run off. The fire pond was also mentioned as a run off receptacle.

- c. Mainly the concern of flooding in residents lawns and business owners parking lots need to be addressed and rectified
- V. The committee agreed that we would like to see the downtown area more green and less asphalt and that the clock tower area should be enlarged
- VI. The towns 200th anniversary is in 2024 and we all hope this project will be completed by then if not before.
- VII. On May 16th at 5pm the committee members will meet at the public parking lot in town (behind the insurance company) and walk the town. Then our regular meeting will commence at the Town Hall
- VIII. The next meeting will be held on April 18th at 6pm.

Meeting commenced at 7:17pm