

**Town of Tewksbury
Sidewalk Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date/Time Monday, August 11, 2003 at 7:30 PM

Meeting Place Police Station Community Room

Attendees Franco Lucchesi, Mike Mucci, Laura Caplan,
Sandra Campo, Sam Krikorian and Eric Braciska

Meeting commenced at 7:45 PM. The meeting minutes from Monday, July 14th were reviewed, discussed and accepted at 7:50 PM.

Stonebury Crossing

Franco stated the safety officer looked at the Stonebury Crossing area. The safety officer offered his opinion to the towns Selectmen and Town Manager. In a letter written by Franco, the Sidewalk Committee also submitted an opinion statement to the Selectmen and Town Manager that the missing sidewalk is dangerous. Franco stated that this is a perfect opportunity for the Sidewalk Committee, the Town Manager, the Selectmen and Public Works Department to fund the missing gap on Rte. 38.

Franco stated that we had two separate issues facing the Sidewalk Committee. One is our comprehensive five-year plan. The other challenge is all the missing links (ie: Stonebury Crossing) in the towns sidewalk system. Could we establish a maintenance fund for putting in sidewalks for these missing links asked Franco. Franco stated that we still needed a line item in the town's budget. Could we get this out of the DPW budget?? As of tonight Franco has not heard from Town Manger or Selectman.

Livingston Street

Franco received a letter from Mrs. Miller who lives on Roy Avenue near the assisted living facility off of Livingston Street. According to the letter, which was also sent to Representative Finegold and Miceli as well as the Town Manager, there are two citizens who live on Roy Avenue and are wheel chair bound. There is an area on Livingston Street outside of Roy Avenue that does not have sidewalks. It is an area less than 100 feet. If completed this would establish a walk able loop to the Livingston Fields and Recreation area from the assisted living facility.

Update on proposed meeting with Town Manager, Selectmen

Franco stated that he continues to play phone tag with Charlie Coldwell. Franco also placed a call and has not heard back from Safety Officer Warren.

McDonalds/Rte. 38

In the past Steve Sedgwick, Community Development Director, has stated that the owner of McDonalds on Rte. 38 at one time was willing to fund the construction of a sidewalk in front of the restaurant.

Shawsheen Street

Bill DiBurris called Franco wanting to know if he could take funds out of the Shawsheen Street design budget and have it transferred to the construction account at town meeting. Donna Walsh told Bill to ask Franco to transfer the funds. Laura stated that these funds have already been moved without the Sidewalk Committees knowledge. Bill Burris apparently had \$16,000 left over to roll into the North Street project. Tutella Engineering has been appointed for the design of North Street. The cost has been pegged at \$6,000.

Sidewalk Account

Elaine spoke with Donna Walsh at length and discussed the transfer of funds associated with the DPW. Elaine asked for clarification of which DPW account the funds came from.

Web Page Design

Mike stated that he would update the design of the web page. He would like to post the most recent meeting minutes on the web site. At the top of the web site he also would like to add a recruiting form that would hopefully be utilized to collect data from the towns citizens. Mike also stated we should add future meeting dates. Sam suggested adding articles pertaining to the issue of sidewalks in Tewksbury to the web site

Next Meeting

The members all agreed that the next meeting would be held on Monday, September 15th. Franco stated that he would like to focus the meeting on what The Sidewalk Committee's mission statement and strategy should be moving forward.

Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sam seconded the motion. Franco adjourned the meeting at 9:14 PM.