

**Town of Tewksbury
Sidewalk Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date/Time Monday, November 24, 2003 at 7:30 PM

Meeting Place Tewksbury Public Library 2nd Fl. Room

Attendees Franco Lucchesi, Ted Dooling, Eric Braciska,
Elaine Quinlan, Laura Caplan, Dan Coughlin (Tutella
Engineering), & Ron Hall (Finance Committee Member)

Meeting commenced at 7:35 PM.

Franco first introduced and welcomed our newest member of the sidewalk committee and member of the finance committee Ron Hall. Franco said we are all excited to have Ron joining our team.

Review of Meeting with Sewer Committee and (CDC) - Franco mentioned that after Mike Mucci and Franco attended the meeting he was cautiously optimistic of getting a sidewalk on Shawsheen Street completed in the future.

CDM went through their presentation and covered the following

- 1) Where they are going with the sewer plan.
- 2) What ground they have already covered.

Franco mentioned it was great to have Dan Coughlin from Tutella Engineering at the Sewer Meeting as it allowed all parties involved with sewers and sidewalks to communicate and break down existing communication barriers.

Tutella Engineering (Shawsheen Street)

Franco asked what could Tutella Engineering do for the sidewalk committee in relation to getting sidewalks in on Shawsheen Street. Dan responded that they would make sure laterals would extend from sidewalks and beyond. Not very much savings would result from this synergy. Also Tutella could have pre-grading done during sewer construction in the area where sidewalks would be built in order to save on that labor cost. Dan mentioned the final paving of Shawsheen St. would occur after sidewalks had been installed.

Ron asked in order to save money as part of the bidding process for paving; you could include sidewalks and road way together. Dan responded that typically difference paving companies specialize in each of the projects mentioned so economies of scale could not be taken advantage of.

Dan has a copy of the CDC plans for Shawsheen Street. The sidewalks will generally be constructed on the opposite side of the street to where the sewers are being installed. Dan also mentioned the biggest cost savings we can get out of the sewer project is realigning the roadway to match the width alignments.

Timeline/Supporters

Franco mentioned that we have an outstanding supporter in Selectman Jerry Sellison who also leads the Sewer Commission and the addition of Ron Hall. By Fall of 2005 we could have sidewalks in on Shawsheen depending on funding from the town.

Franco mentioned that funding from the Sewer Projects is possible but nothing is etched in stone. We are still going to have to look into Bonding for the funds and or get significant funds from The Chapter 90 Funds. Bonding for the funds does not have to go to the ballot but does need to be approved by Town Meeting in either February or May of 04. Jerry Sellison is adamant of not going for a proposition 2 ½ override to raise the funds.

Shawsheen Street (Technical issues)

Dan estimates the cost to put in sidewalks on Shawsheen Street at \$363,000 with a 10% contingency up to \$400,000. Street length is 13,600 feet long. Dave Cressman is a key decision maker in this project. We all decided that a January meeting with Dave Cressman, Charlie Coldwell and the new DPW Superintendent would be a priority. We also need to touch base with Donna Walsh for funding options. The Brother 40 B housing plan for Shawsheen Street, which is at the Planning Board stages, will be built on the opposite side of where sidewalks are planned in that section of Shawsheen Street. We need to discover the possibility of receiving funding from Brothers for sidewalks if their project gets approved stated Ted.

Franco stated the 5-Year Sidewalk Plan would need to be revised to follow along with the Sewer Plan.

North Street Presentation Tutella Engineering

Dan presented the layout of the design for North Street in a formal presentation. Dan walked the members through the costs and entire plan for construction. The total cost is billed at \$189,620 with a 15% contingency. The existing sidewalks from East Street to the North Street School are lower than the roadway and would have to be significantly raised. Dave Cressman is a big advocate of Granite curbing in the gateway area of town. Ron suggested getting Dennis Peterson who is the Chairman of the School Committee involved as new sidewalks on North Street could positively impact busing routes and safety of the school children.

The most likely time line for North Street is permitting in the winter of 03 & 04. Put the project out to bid in April 04 time frame and construct in the fall of 04.

Laura made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ted seconded the motion. Franco declared the meeting over at 8:56 PM.