

**Town of Tewksbury
Sidewalk Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date/Time Monday, December 15, 2003 at 7:30 PM

Meeting Place Police Station Community Room

Attendees Franco Lucchesi, Sam Krikorian, Eric Braciska, Elaine Quinlan, Laura Caplan, Ron Hall, Ted Dooling, Dan Coughlin-Tutela Engineering Associates

Meeting commenced at 7:40 PM. The meeting minutes from Monday, October 20th and November 24th were reviewed and accepted at 7:50 PM.

Franco mentioned that Selectman Charlie Coldwell, who had scheduled to be at the meeting, called Franco earlier in the day and told him that he could not make the meeting due to a family emergency.

Bonding

Ron mentioned that he asked Dave Cressman at the last Finance Committee meeting about the amount of funding he was willing to commit to out of Chapter 90. Mr. Cressman declined to comment on how much.

Ron mentioned that he has discussed financing options with Selectman Jerry Sellison. Selectman Sellison was under the impression that the Sidewalk Committee was prepared to ask for enough funding to cover the entire 5-year Sidewalk plan and possibly more.

Ron mentioned he thought we were in a position to construct sidewalks on North St. first. He felt our best solution to the 5-year plan was to rearrange the order of streets to coincide with the Sewer Plan. The Sidewalk Committee's goal should be to go after funding in the spring during the May Annual Town Meeting.

Ron mentioned that the board of Selectman is waiting for the Sidewalk Committee to come forward with a proposal. The Finance Committee is under the impression that something needs to be done as far as sidewalk construction. The Finance Committee is willing to work with us in whatever fashion is appropriate.

Marketing Plan

Ron mentioned we have to do a marketing pitch to convince the voters in town to get behind this issue. The timing is here.

Mills could generate funding for sidewalks. Franco mentioned a focus on North St. Ron asked, besides the five Streets what other streets does the committee have in mind for construction? Ron suggested East St. or Whipple. We need to sit down with Ray Shaw, Jerry S. and Dave C. for submittal of article in February for May meeting.

Franco mentioned that Trull Road can be inserted into the five-year plan. Can't use extra sewer funds as sidewalk construction mentioned Ron. Eric mentioned we could provide a survey at the February town meeting.

Dave C. has a multi-year Capital expenditure plan. Dan mentioned we could go for more money than we originally need i.e.: 500k/yr with a cap of \$3 million.

Ted mentioned we need the details of the Sewer list vs. 5 yr. Sidewalk Plan. Ted asked, what about East Street as the town is looking at additional commercial development on East Street. Ron mentioned the time is now!!! Ted mentioned that Trull Rd. is densely developed and should be a priority. Franco mentioned we are definitely going to go for bonding in spring.

Dan suggested we might want to change from a 5-year plan to a 7- year Plan. The Article would be due the end of February, stated Laura. Franco mentioned we need to get the demographics for East Street and Trull.

Dan asked where did we get the linear feet for the street plan? It was gotten off of a web site. Dan can get us the numbers for the 7-year plan. No matter how good concrete is it is susceptible to salt damage, said Dan.

Franco will contact Ray Shaw to find out what the dollar threshold is going to be. Franco mentioned we need to lay out an agenda before meeting with Dave, Ray, Charlie, and Jerry. We would like some action with a firm proposal.

The committee voted and agreed to change the 5-year plan to a 7-year plan to coincide with the Sewer Plan.

Shawsheen St

When sewers go out to bid an option is to include the different types of curbing. Ted- Got copies of funding from sidewalk balance. Elaine get on Donna Walsh \$48K in planning board account from Oakdale Mall Project.

Next Meetings

Monday, January 5th, January 26th, February 9th

Eric needs to Call Liz Carey to find out when the article needs to be submitted for May annual town meeting. Sam made a motion to end the meeting. Elaine seconds the motion. Franco declared the meeting over at 9:35 PM.