

**Town of Tewksbury
Sidewalk Committee**

Meeting: March 4, 2002

Place: Tewksbury Police Station

Attendees: Laura Caplan, Matthew Dailey, Ted Dooling, Sam Krikorian,
Franco Lucchesi, Jefferson Smith and Phyllis White

Guests: Umass Lowell Nursing Students: Erin Bilodeau, Jane Callahan, Katie
Lapan, Katie Morrison, Sarah Ouellet and Sumner Rollins

Meeting commenced at 7:35 p.m..

Reviewed and approved February 11, 2002 minutes with no revision unanimously.

Mass Highway had meeting last week regarding Main and Shawsheen Streets. Design is 75% complete and full design is expected by mid summer of 2002. The estimated cost is now estimated at \$1.2 million. Sidewalks from Shawsheen to Livingston Street (1600 ft. of sidewalks approx.). Eagle's Landing had originally put money aside for this project; Franco to inquire where this money is now. Sidewalk from Oakdale Plaza to end at Texaco Station and will have 500 ft. of sidewalk. Road will also be widened with left turn lane. Approx. 10,000 vehicles go down Shawsheen Street daily and approx. 24,000 vehicles use the Shawsheen/Main Street intersection daily. Construction is slated to begin Spring of 2003.

Mass Highway was looking at East/Chandler Streets also. Franco received copy of letter David Cressman sent to Mass Highway asking they use funds to extend sidewalks on Shawsheen Street to Bridge Street currently instead of East/Chandler Streets. Ted inquired as to whether Committee could draft letter to Rep. Miceli on this subject. Franco agreed and stated that Rep. Miceli's assistant was in attendance at the Mass Highway Meeting last week so is aware of the proposed.

The Committee missed the deadline for an Article in the Annual Town Meeting's Warrant. Selectmen Coldwell has reserved a spot for Sidewalk Article that Sandy, Assistant to Town Manager, is drafting for the Spec. Town Meeting believed to be May 6th. The dollar figure for the article was discussed at length by all committee members. The results were as follows:

Franco	\$890k	Matt	\$1.1 million
Jefferson	\$1.2 million	Phyllis	whatever is needed
Laura	\$1.2 million	Sam	\$1.2 million

The outcome was to place \$1 million as the figure in our article as voted and agreed by The Committee. Franco to notify Sandy at the Town Hall.

The mailing of the survey as discussed in previous meetings was rediscussed as no money available for mailing. Estimated mailing cost is \$1500 and \$500 for printing. Whereas it was a request of the Board of Selectmen to mail this survey, the Town will put this survey in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. It is estimated that 10,500 warrants are to be done. It was discussed also that once results from survey received (box to be setup at Town Hall) the Committee would forward the results to the Board of Selectmen. The deadline for these surveys was established at April 23rd.

It was confirmed by Selectmen Coldwell that the Town of Tewksbury has no standards on Sidewalks so we can go forward with working on our Master Plan.

Umass-Lowell visiting nursing students spoke about their goals to help the Town of Tewksbury. They have compiled data that reflects health needs for exercise such as walking and hence the need for sidewalks. They will put together a copy of the data they compiled for the Committee.

The children's Opportunity Fair is to be held at the Ryan School on April 9th from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.. Sandra is to send in the application. Uncertain of deadline, Laura to check on this, as the fair is coming up next month.

UMass students have agreed to look into obtaining some safety info, from our Safety Officer Warren at the Police Dept. They may obtain another Safety video geared towards safety to air on local cable station. Tuesdays are good days for them to work on this project. They plan to attend our next meeting on March 18th with updates. They are a wonderful, enthusiastic group of students eager to help the Committee to get safety and sidewalks on everyone's mind in Tewksbury.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m..