

**Town of Tewksbury**  
**Sidewalk Committee**

**Date:** December 17, 2001

**Place:** Tewksbury Police Station

**Attendees:** Sandra Campo, Laura Caplan, Matthew Dailey, Sam Krikorian,  
Franco Lucchesi, Mike Mucci, Jeffrey Smith and Phyllis White

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**Meeting commenced at 7:35 p.m..**

**Reviewed November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting and unanimously approved with correction to Mike Mucci's name spelling.**

**Mike and Sandy have agreed to share the Secretarial position for the Sidewalk Committee as Laura had requested to surrender this position tonight. Franco to inquire with Sandy at Town Hall to ensure able to share this position.**

**Ted was absent from meeting but had emailed members some highlights of a conversation had with Bill Burris at DPW. Bill stated ready to start design work for Shawsheen Street. Expects under \$50,000 due to fact won't have to go out to bid as has a Wilmington Company that has used in past. He is just waiting for Town Manager's approval to go forward with this procedure. Bill also stated that Hill Street will be completed in Spring in lieu of current weather conditions. He also plans to do corrections to sidewalk near Walgreens in Spring due to current funding issues.**

**It was discussed that a sidewalk is being proposed to be constructed off Orchard to Michael to Tanglewood (off Main Street) and Committee wondered where the funds were being derived from.**

**The \$4 million Capitol Improvement was also discussed as was informed by Town Auditor, Donna Walsh, that good chunk for sidewalks but at Town Meeting Selectment Coppola stated \$500,000 of the \$4 million would be allocated to the Sidewalk Project?! Sidewalk Committee plans to give options for sidewalk installations to Town Manger/Selectmen Board. It was also discussed the fact that if \$4 million awarded to sidewalks, it would be approximately \$18-21 increase annually to each Tewksbury household. Can only borrow up to five years (not ten) so cannot do a 10-year Plan, with prop. 2 ½.**

**Sam obtained census info. From Town Clerk for some Tewksbury Streets. These represent approx. 8-9% of houses in Town.**

**Phyllis submitted Livingston, East and Shawsheen Street sidewalk proposals.**

**Mike discussed costs involving Asphalt vs. granite curbing. Granite curbing increases cost by approx. 1/3 more but, of course, last longer and much safer. It was discussed the possibility of installing granite curbing on faster roads such as Shawsheen or North Street and asphalt on secondary, slower roads such as Foster or Livingston Street.**

**It was confirmed minimum of 5' width for sidewalks installed due to handicapped accessibility issues. Franco inquired on new edging curbing he has seen on new sidewalks in other towns. Mike stated that they are 45 angle edging and \$1-2 less per linear but usually have grass between it and the asphalt..**

**It was also mentioned that some issues that may increase costs are wetlands, railroad tracks, trees and/or bushes. Mike did not feel telephone poles a major issue.**

**Franco inquired on min. ht. Requirement for curbing and Mike thought approx. 4-6 inches but would confirm and get back to Franco with actual answer.**

**New, updated list of priority streets discussed. Shawsheen Street and North Street were considered 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> priorities respectively but 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Committee discussed Brown Street as cannot go with 3 high expense Streets with \$1 million budget only to work with. Whipple Road was discussed as 3<sup>rd</sup> priority but mentioned by Town Manager once that he was not fond of this road due to lack of connection to Town.**

**It was agreed to have 3 priority streets for sidewalk installation and 3 alternatives as to continue with Sidewalk installation plan once 5-Year Plan completed successfully.**

**The Livingston Loop was also discussed, as many members want to have this completed along with Selectmen Board but just not sufficient funding to complete currently. It was discussed to do Main Street to East via Chandler Street in lieu of new library, state hospital and elderly usage.**

**Next scheduled meeting is 7:30 p.m. on January 7, 2002. Laura to confirm location of meeting.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m..**