

TOWN OF ACTON
SIDEWALK COMMITTEE Meeting
MINUTES OF September 26, 2007 MEETING

7:30 p.m.

Memorial Library, Meeting Room (Downstairs)

Next Committee Meeting: Wed, October 24th 7:30 - 9:30 (*Note Change in Date, Paulina-- to notify of meeting location, Everyone -please check calendars for availability*)

Present: Paulina Knibbe (Chair), Leslie Hogan (Co-Chair) Dick Calendrella, Pam Cochrane, Bettina Abe, Kate Chung, Celia Kent, Corrina Roman-Kreuzer, Bruce Stamski – Town of Acton, Christopher Hickey - Citizen Prospect Street.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Citizen's Concerns: Citizen Christopher Hickey was present on behalf of Prospect Street neighborhood.

Staggered terms of Sidewalk Committee members were approved by Board Of Selectmen

Construction Updates:

Charter Road sidewalk is completed. (P.Knibbe)

Development on High Street – at this point, the plan is for developer to put in sidewalk from High Street to emergency exit Audubon Hill. (P.Knibbe)

A new, brick crosswalk to be installed in Main Street at Library. This is to see how well this sort of construction holds up. This is planned for this fall. Driveway on Main Street side of Town Hall to be re-done with cobblestone. (B.Stamski)

Main Street Sidewalk update (Post Office Square to Route 2A) – D. Calendrella reported that Selectman Magee sketched out a map of revised sidewalk and reviewed the Conants. Magee to submit map to Water District. Tree work will be done in December. Magee does not anticipate opposition. Sidewalk construction to begin in Spring 2008.

Discussion on Rating Chart:

Some alterations were made, a tentative point system assigned, see Acton Sidewalk Prioritization Rating Chart.

--- → Obtain street list with designations of arterial, collector, local from Town Master Plan.

-- → Obtain bus stop data from Schools (Paulina)

- → Obtain electronic copy of Census for information on elderly? (Paulina)

→ Obtain CAD/CAD version of town maps

Dick Calendrella presented his evaluation of his assigned area (Area 1), detailed presentation was provided in information packet.

To Think About:

What policies does the Sidewalk Committee wish to recommend to BOS? For example, asking developers to donate money to fund sidewalks in areas where sidewalks are more necessary instead of constructing in area of new construction.

What should be the policy on using eminent domain to take property for sidewalks?
What should be the policy on maintaining sidewalks (plowing, mowing, resident responsibility?)

Homework:

Everyone is to try out the rating chart in their areas to see how/if this works

1. Next meeting, Bettina Abe to discuss her assigned area, *6 Town Center West. North of Route 2. Concord Road, Taylor, Conant School, Arboretum to Route 2A.*
2. Dick Calendrella to discuss his assigned area.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Corrina Roman-Kreuze