

Selectmen's PUBLIC HEARING Minutes

Monday, December 10, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING:

To discuss and hear public comment on the Brattleboro Road Sidewalk Improvement Project

Present: Acting Chairman McCosker, Selectmen Gallagher, Diorio, and Rideout; T.A. Collins and Kim P. Worden. Chair Darcy was excused.

6:30 p.m. Acting Chairman McCosker opened the public hearing and read the Notice of Public Hearing. Sean Leary was the only other person in attendance. No other members of the public were present. It was discussed and determined that there were no calls or letters received on this matter and no public comments.

Mike McNally from KB Partners was present to discuss and give an overview of this federally-funded sidewalk project. This is the first of two required public meetings. This project covers area from Taylor Heights to the area of Route 63S and Hancock Street. He indicated the existing sidewalks are in poor shape. He provided a large map to follow during discussion. This will be paved sidewalk, for the most part. He discussed Right of Way distances (66 feet per DOT), crosswalk safety issues and placements, ADA compliant/requirements re: landings, drainage and catch basin concerns, and wall work possibilities. T.A. Collins asked about notifying residents along the proposed sidewalk project. It was noted that there may not be a requirement but it would be a good idea. She will get an abutters list and notify them prior to the next public hearing. Next steps were discussed and construction anticipated to start in the fall, taking a few months due to drainage. It was mentioned that some property owners may lose a few feet of lawn but the sidewalk is an improvement and maintained by the town. Estimated cost of \$550,000 would be paid 80% by DOT and 20% by the expendable trust. Discussion followed re: the next meeting. It was agreed to schedule that public hearing for January 7th at 6:30 upstairs at Town Hall.

7:10 p.m. Public Hearing Closed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim P. Worden
Secretary