

TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN - BOARD OF SELECTMEN

SPECIAL MEETING – MONDAY – AUGUST 1, 2011 6 PM

- JUDGE WELSH HEARING ROOM -

Chairman Elaine Anderson convened the meeting at 6:00 PM noting the following Board of Selectmen attending: Elaine Anderson, David Bedard, Austin Knight and David McChesney. John Santos arrive at 6:10 PM

Other attendees: Town Manager Sharon Lynn, DPW Deputy Director Sandy Turner and Russ Kleekamp Project Engineer – Wastewater / Infrastructure of GHD Inc., Hyannis, MA

Recorder: Vernon Porter

1. COMMERCIAL STREET SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT/ RESURFACING SELECTION

Chairman Anderson read the public hearing notice into the record.

Written Comments: Chairman Anderson read the letter received today from the Disability Commission.

Chairman Anderson mentioned that the Board of Selectmen had a site walk this morning from Johnson Street to Court Street.

Russ Kleekamp

Tonight I will give you an update and a few other points of the project that have developed since we last met on June 20, 2011. Something to think about as I'm going down the dates is that what I have here in front of you is a number of brick samples. We discussed earlier today brick versus pavers.

I have met with the Historical Commission, Historic District Commission and the Disability Commission and in general they are all in agreement that it is suitable to move forward with the brick or paver alternative to match the existing conditions. Disability Commission requested that materials are ADA compliant and they will meet ADA requirements. They also requested access/egress every 50 to 75 feet and this should not be an issue. The Disability Commission also wanted to work on a warranty. Typically there is a one year warrant on products after final completion of the project. We can put in a 3-5 year warranty period but first I have to look into it a little bit to confirm a few things but I don't expect that to be an issue. They also wanted the brick or the pavers, whatever is selected, to be installed with a high level quality. You don't want delineation with the bricks. They will be installed flush as they are in front of Town Hall.

We want to reuse the existing materials as much as possible. Tonight I am looking for approval to move forward with the plan.

Austin Knight – When we talk about the crosswalks we need to know what material will hold up the best. You may want to use pavers as they will hold better with heavy truck use.

Public Comments

Barbara Grasso - Encourage the Board of Selectmen to agree with the access / egress every 75 feet.

Barbara Rushmore – 1) Make sure that sidewalks are put in with sand and can be cleaned. 2) Would like the corner of Ryder St. Extension and Commercial Street be made as square as possible so she can plant trees there. 3) Think about paving the sidewalk on the other side of Commercial Street. 4) Don't skimp – its important to use bricks that remain smooth and whoever does the job should be inspected. 5) Think about putting pavers on the south side of Commercial Street.

Selectmen's Comments

Elaine Anderson - One motion we might start with is that we are ready to give you the go ahead to move on the planning aspect of this project; delineating along the way, as we did this morning where you envisioned replacement and spot repairs.

Russ Kleekamp went over the differences and durability in the styles of brick

Austin Knight – We need to discuss the crosswalk material especially now that you are putting in access/egress every 50 to 75 feet. Russ – let me go back and see what the grant includes and to see how many crosswalks we need. Austin Knight – We can always go back to town meeting in the fall to secure additional funds.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the plans for brick sidewalks and for Russ Kleekamp to come back to the Board of Selectmen in the near future with updated plans; and further that the materials match the current sidewalks.*

Motion by: Austin Knight Seconded By: David Bedard Yea 5 Nay 0

Elaine Anderson – We would like to pay some attention to tree pits whenever possible and some effort to get street signs out of the way.

Russ Kleekamp – Before town meeting we'll have a follow-up meeting to discuss all of this.

Austin Knight – Let's not make this a hodge-podge. Make it as esthetic as possible.

Sharon Lynn – Recommend that we take a look the cost associated with any changes. I think the overall picture of the grant will allow us to use the monies for crosswalk enhancement. Remember this is a downtown project and the areas of Lopes Square, Ryder Street and possibly the area in front of the library and Freeman Street are places where you would want to consider that.

David McChesney – 1) When you say there is a price difference between the bricks and the pavers – are you talking about pennies or what? Answer: Material cost for bricks equate to \$4.25 per square foot versus a cost of anywhere from \$2 to \$2.50 per square foot for the concrete pavers. Installation cost will probably be the same, so you looking at a cost of \$7.50 per square foot for pavers and \$10 square foot for bricks.

2) When you get to the point when we're deciding on crosswalks, has there been any thought about delineating even further that they possibly could be elevated and incorporated as a speed bump? Answer – That is one of the reasons why it has been endorsed by Mass

Highway as it has a traffic calming effect. That is something we could do.

Austin Knight – David’s point of raising it up a little bit, like they did the Cape Cod National Seashore park, is something that needs to be looked at.

Elaine Anderson – We will have more occasions to look over the final details. We want to get going with the sidewalk plan.

Sharon Lynn - Want to ask Mr. Kleekamp if he has an opinion on a sidewalk placement on the south side as Ms. Rushmore is recommending. Answer – I did look into it. For the area we are talking about extending the bituminous sidewalk we would keep that curb established as a defined sidewalk. There is an excess of abundance of pavement in that area. One of the things that needs to be considered with putting in flush walking surfaces is that there is a liability issue. If it is a directive from the town we can do it but any future liability would fall on the town and not the engineer. I’m talking about the sidewalk on the harbor side of Commercial Street that was flush mounted. Sharon Lynn – We don’t have the amount of room needed for this and that is my concern. It wouldn’t be wise to incorporate a sidewalk then stop it and then start it again. You would have a liability issue there. Russ Kleekamp - If we have a new sidewalk that does not meet ADA requirements, it is a liability issue.

Elaine Anderson - Clear to me on what we have to do on spot repairs, replacements, etc. Looks very promising.

MOTION: *Move that the Board of Selectmen vote have a follow-up meeting with the Russ Kleekamp on August 22, 2011 at 6 PM.*

Motion by: David Bedard **Seconded By:** John Santos Yea 5 Nay 0

Next public hearing meeting scheduled for September 12, 2011 at 5 PM.

Motion to adjourn by David Bedard at 6:54 PM.

Minutes transcribed by: Vernon G. Porter, Secretary to Board of Selectmen
August 3, 2011