

1. Call to Order

The Chester Main Street Project Committee held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 23, 2014, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. Chairman Joplin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Seating of Members

In attendance were Michael Joplin, Steven Tiezzi, Chuck Mueller, Leslie Strauss, Charlene Janecek and John Schroeder. Others in attendance were First Selectman Ed Meehan and Brian Kent from Kent & Frost.

3. Discussion with Brian Kent Re Landscape/hard scape design for Phase One (plantings, lighting, etc.)

Leslie Strauss read into the record an email from Al Bisacky dated September 18, 2014 (copy attached).

There was much discussion regarding storm water quality control measures. Steven Tiezzi noted there have been many opportunities for storm water control measures and asked if they are being provided. Brian Kent noted the stormwater is being outletting (in the cemetery) through a bio swale channel planted with wetland plant species that will filter storm water at that point. There is also consideration of a stormceptor at another location.

There was discussion regarding control of the water in the front yard of the Jacobson property.

Discussion ensued as to improvements to water quality. First Selectman Meehan noted the design has been reviewed by the Town Engineer with comments from the Inland Wetland Agency to improve the design of the bio swale. This was approved by the IWA with conditions that some of the plantings be changed before the permit is signed. First Selectman Meehan reviewed the design of the bio swale, the drainage coming from School Lane and the possibility of a stormceptor, the stormceptor being a recommendation from the IWA. He reiterated the Inland Wetlands Agency approved the project conditionally pending receipt of a letter from the project engineer regarding the feasibility of a stormceptor.

Chuck Mueller noted during the original interview, Chad Frost had suggested a bio swale or rain garden. Brian Kent noted that has happened and they have balanced practicality, costs and aesthetics. There was further discussion regarding water quality, relocating the road and available property for a rain garden.

First Selectman Meehan noted there is still the option of the stormceptor and this is under the control of the Inland Wetland's Agency. He noted there will be 12 new catch basins with sumps. Meehan reviewed maintenance of catch basins throughout town.

First Selectman Meehan noted there are new DEEP Storm Water Regulations that are getting more strict and very expensive to maintain. He noted if the IWA decides a stormceptor is required, those funds will have to come from somewhere else in the budget.

Meehan noted a letter is expected shortly from Gary Giroux regarding the stormceptor and additional plantings.

Brian Kent noted he has reviewed the plans that were used by Committee members during a site walk to review existing and proposed tree locations. He reviewed existing tree locations, condition of existing trees, removal of certain trees and locations for proposed new trees.

First Selectman Meehan noted there are 22 adjacent property owners to this project that will have to be notified regarding trees, easements, etc. He is in the process of preparing a letter to those property owners. Chairman Joplin noted the letter should go out the end of October once the 70% plans have been reviewed by the Committee. Meehan noted a letter of explanation along with a picture of each particular property will be sent out.

The area of 137 Main Street was reviewed, including the driveway, new picket fence with gate and post, flagstone walkway, etc. First Selectman Meehan noted he will be meeting with the Gates and Meades as soon as Brian Kent has an opportunity to update the plans from this meeting.

First Selectman Meehan briefly reviewed grading, noting all grading should be shown on the plans.

It was noted the Connecticut Water Company is waiting for a set of 70% completion plans.

There was a brief discussion regarding lateral sewer connections. Property owners are being encouraged to connect during this time.

First Selectman Meehan reviewed a recent meeting with ConnDOT, the utilities and Dave Stahnke. The purpose of the meeting was lighting and how the new lighting will tie in with the bridge project and the rest of town.

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve August 26, 2014 Minutes amended as follows -

- Page 4, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, add sentence "There was some discussion of the details and John Schroeder was not in favor of that fixture."

Voting in favor - Tiezzi, Mueller, Schroeder, Strauss, Janecek.  
Opposed - none. Abstained - Joplin. Motion Carried.

5. Approval of Bills - none.

6. Other Business of the Committee

Brian Kent briefly reviewed the light fixtures in the cemetery and on the bridge. He noted the specs will call for the fixture with an LED kit inside the fixture.

7. Next Meeting - October 14, 2014

It was noted the next meeting is October 14, 2014. The 70% completion plans will be submitted 9/29. The subcommittee will review them and meet with Gary Giroux on 10/3 and then the Committee will meet on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

8. Audience of Citizens - none.

9. Adjournment

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 8:45 PM. Voting in favor - Tiezzi, Mueller, Schroeder, Strauss, Janecek, Joplin. Opposed - none. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary

attachment - email from Al Bisacky, September 18, 2014