

1. Call to Order

The Chester Main Street Project Committee held a Special Meeting immediately following the Public Information Meeting on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. Chairman Joplin called the meeting to order at 9:40 PM.

2. Seating of Members

In attendance were Michael Joplin, Steven Tiezzi, Virgil Lloyd, John Schroeder, Charlene Janecek and Chuck Mueller. Others present included Brian Kent, Gary Giroux and First Selectman Ed Meehan and Tree Warden Scot Mills.

3. Review and discussion of public comments from Public Information Meeting to determine if there are outstanding issues that require further public comment and discussion on the part of the Committee and to determine whether or not another public meeting is warranted for the following Wednesday. There will only be a second public meeting if there are specific issues that need further public discussion and clarification

Chairman Joplin noted he wasn't sure the issue of north vs. south side sidewalk, the 3 trees or where the crosswalk would go would be decided this evening. The Committee needs to figure out how it is going to tackle these issues.

Joplin asked if the Committee wanted to meet on February 5th as a Special Committee Meeting to hash these items out and then schedule another date for a second public information meeting focused solely on these areas of concern.

Charlene Janecek asked if there was any way before the Committee reconvenes to get some kind of an idea about the wall. Steven Tiezzi noted he would like to know the cost of the wall either to rebuild or remove. In the end, is this going to be a cost issue or what's right for the Town. There has to be a balance. Schroeder agreed that was one of the variables that has to be looked at. Joplin agreed noting there also has to be some agreement on where the crosswalk would be located and how that would effect the wall. Chuck Mueller noted if the decision is to eliminate the wall, the Committee has to be prepared to have people saying "save the wall."

Chairman Joplin noted if the decision is to put the sidewalk on the south side of the street, he would not want to simply put the sidewalk there and just grade back.

Virgil Lloyd noted he liked the idea of the Committee discussing this further next week. Chuck Mueller asked if the Committee was authorized to ask the team to look at what the magnitude of this would be. Both Virgil Lloyd and Gary Giroux suggested not doing anything with regard to this until the Committee meets next week to discuss it. Both John Schroeder and Chuck Mueller noted if the Committee has facts and numbers, maybe it can make a decision next week.

Brian Kent noted they don't know what the foundation of the wall is.

There was further discussion regarding the removal of the hedge and the actual location of the proposed fence on the Gates property. Would the fence be closer to the porch than where the hedge is now? Mr. Giroux noted they would be gaining more space.

It was agreed the Committee would meet on February 5th and do the following -

- 1) Submit application to Inland Wetlands Agency on Friday.
- 2) 30% design submission due to Committee next Wednesday.

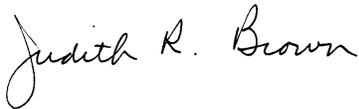
3) Start work on issues discussed at this meeting and get as much information available for the meeting next Wednesday, some of this would include costs for the different options presented.

Chairman Joplin noted he was not willing to eliminate the walls. To do so would be a travesty.

4. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary