

1. Call to Order

The Chester Main Street Project Committee held its regular meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. Chairman Joplin called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Seating of Members

In attendance were Michael Joplin, Steven Tiezzi, Chuck Mueller, John Schroeder, Charlene Janecek, Leslie Strauss, Ed Meehan, Christine Darnell, Jeremy Ziemann (arrived 7:35 PM).

3. Review information given to us by TransSystems as compared to Kent & Frost specification in 2015

Chairman Joplin noted he had asked Brian Kent to email the Committee what he had designed and sent to TransSystems late 2014 and 2015. Those emails were forwarded to all the members. Brian Kent was paid by the Town to deal with the State on the bridge for an additional service. Joplin also noted we received over 100 pages of from the State of submittals. Chuck Mueller has condensed those pages to about 16 pages that the Committee is interested in.

Steven Tiezzi noted just briefly going through those emails it looked like there were original documents sent to D.O.T. and a lot of negotiating between Brian Kent and D.O.T. Ed Meehan noted this information went from Brian Kent to Ed Meehan to the Board of Selectmen and then to Andy Fesmeyer.

Ed Meehan noted the original site plan called for a pressed pre-thermal plastic (stamped brick) for the crosswalk. The State indicated they would not raise the crosswalk. Steven Tiezzi noted we should confirm that the crosswalk is thermal plastic as recommended by the Town's architect and they should submit pattern and color samples to the Town.

It was noted the curbing was Chelmsford Gray. We should confirm Chelmsford Gray was used on Phase 1. Ed Meehan will confirm.

They also need to confirm they have other curbing that is not bridge curbing. Away from the bridge there is 6 x 6 1/2 curbing and 6 x 18 curbing.

Charlene Janecek noted they would not to the whole sidewalk in front of Simon's because of the void under the sidewalk.

Chairman Joplin noted the appropriate way to do this is for this Committee to submit questions to the Board of Selectwomen or First

Selectwoman which should then be sent to TransSystems. Ed Meehan noted it should be sent to either Keith Schoppe or Mark Russell. The Committee should not micromanage this.

The following items have questions or need confirmation -

Item 1 - Concrete Sidewalk - confirm concrete mix in accordance with Kent & Frost recommendations.

Item 2 - Belgian Block in the Sidewalk - no submittal. John Schroeder noted the strips look pretty wide and have random widths. On the bridge they are all regular. Mueller reiterated there was no submittal.

Item 3 - Granite Curbing - discussed earlier in this meeting. John Schroeder reiterated it must be confirmed curbing is same as used in Phase 1.

Item 4 - Crosswalk - samples need to be submitted. Discussed earlier in this meeting.

Item 5 - Bridge Railing - was what the Committee wanted. Chairman Joplin noted he would like to actually see a piece of railing.

Item 6 - Picket Fence - crudely detailed. Ed Meehan noted there should be consistency with what's in front of 6 Main. Property owner at 6 Main wants same fence put back. It was suggested we find out where the property line is at 6 Main. John Schroeder noted this will have a big visual impact and if we can do anything, we should.

Item 7 - Street Lighting - submittal was received, we have some indication on the LED. John Schroeder noted his biggest concern was with the LED lighting. They show CRI of 74.70. Schroeder recommends using 85 or 90 CRI. Schroeder noted he will talk with Jon Joslow about the lighting.

Item 8 - Bench - no submittal.

Item 9 - Trash Receptacles - no submittal. Leslie Strauss asked if the Committee wants both a recycling bin and trash container. Ed Meehan noted the Town does not have a facility for recycling, everything goes to the Transfer Station. Meehan suggested maybe using one recyclable and put it on the bridge. Chuck Mueller advocated for one recyclable and see how that works. Steven Tiezzi noted it could be a dual unit. Strauss suggested one on each side of the road. Meehan suggested doing two standard and one split and they should not be bolted to the

sidewalk.

Item 10 - Bike Rack On the Bridge - no submittal. There are two bike racks, we should eliminate the one on the bridge.

Item 11 - Granite Coping - detail not on Brian Kent's list. Leslie Strauss will talk to Sarah Jansen.

Item 12 - Street Trees - the tree on 6 Main was deleted. It was noted the Pear Tree should be in front of the Villager and eliminate the Japanese Lilac. Mueller reiterated we need to see a submittal on the trees. Ed Meehan also noted there is also the possibility of a fire hydrant going in by 6 Main, however, we don't want to lose a parking space. The Water Company needs to come up with a design.

There was much discussion regarding the electrical box in front of Simom's. The State has indicated when the rest of Main Street is done, the electrical box can be moved. Steven Tiezzi suggested it be in a vault underground. Tiezzi also suggested it be down by 4 Water Street by the pole and crosswalk. D.O.T. had indicated if it was by 4 Water Street, there would need to be another one farther down Main Street. Meehan noted if there was one farther down Main Street, it would probably be down by the Pattaconk. Chuck Mueller noted there were 3 options - putting it somewhere else, putting it in a vault, or not being stainless steel. Chairman Joplin noted he would like to have a conversation with D.O.T. about the electrical box.

There was discussion regarding grants. Charlene Janecek noted the STEAP Grant has been submitted and Jacobson is working on the LOTCIP Grant.

Ed Meehan noted there should be a request from the Selectwomen to the Water Company to get a design for the next phase of the water main replacement from Laurel Hill Cemetery to the Bridge.

It was noted the Committee plans to start Phase 2 in mid-2017. Leslie Strauss noted the Merchants don't want to come up with any opinion until they have had more time to work with it. They have a tremendous appreciation with the way Arborio is working. They are on schedule. Charlene Janecek noted one merchant said January sales from this year compared to last year were not off at all.

4. Other Business, if any

It was decided the next meeting would probably be March 8, 2016. The Committee could tentatively meet in 2 weeks if additional submittals are received.

There was a brief discussion on moving forward with Phase 2. Charlene Janecek noted it was a concensus of property owners they would like a little more time and maybe end of 2017 or beginning of 2018 would be a goal.

Chairman Joplin asked if the Town was prepared to hire Jeff Jacobson to do the survey. After the survey, the next step would be to deal with the vaults. How soon would the Selectwomen be willing to ask Jacobson to do a survey. Charlene Janecek noted the Board of Selectwomen have a meeting tomorrow night. That could be discussed under New Business. Ed Meehan noted if we get the LOTCIP Grant, we will need to do some local funding. There is money left in the Main Street Capital. Meehan suggested spending some of the available funds and go beyond the survey to improve the town's position in terms of money and grants. Chairman Joplin noted he would attend the Selectwomen's meeting tomorrow night.

5. Bills for Payment - none.

6. Approval of Minutes - January 12, 2016 Regular Mtg
Motion by Strauss, second by Mueller, to approve January 12, 2016
Minutes amended as follows -

- Under 3, Review of procedures, grant applications and meeting schedule for next several months, 18th paragraph, last sentence should read, "It was felt it was too early to get a merchants opinion."
- Under 3, Review of procedures, grant applications and meeting schedule for next several months, 19th paragraph, add sentence, "This Comittee recommended that Jacobson approach Kent & Frost as a landscape architect consultant."

Approved with Tiezzi abstaining.

7. Audience of Citizens - none.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Mueller, second by Tiezzi, to adjourn at 9:07 PM. Unanimously
Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary