

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Date: June 17, 2019 at 4:00p.m.

Location: Pearl Street & School Street Intersection

Present: Gordy Smith, Chair; Scott Meyer, Vice Chair; Bob Sweetser, Trustee; Phil Wilson, Trustees; Troy Dolan, Water & Light Foreman; Meredith Birkett, Village Manager

Call to order

Gordy Smith called the meeting to order at 4:0 p.m.

Proposed Changes/Additions to the Agenda

None

Public Comment

None

Review Mock-Up of Green Space at 125 Pearl Street

The Trustees reviewed the mock-up of green space in front of 125 Pearl Street that had been set up using traffic cones and discussed the pluses and minuses of adding green space between the sidewalk and road in this area as part of the Pearl Street/Clay Hill sidewalk reconstruction project. Meredith noted that Troy had a follow up discussion with the Town Highway Foreman regarding the Town's opinion about adding a curb in this area. He indicated from the perspective of road maintenance (snow plowing) the Town's preference is not to add curbing around additional green space. Meredith shared a discussion she had earlier that day with Jim MacDowell from the Studio Center in which Jim confirmed that the Studio Center's strong preference was for curbing to be added in front of 125 Pearl Street to help prevent water from flowing towards the building. The curbing is more critical to the Studio Center than the green space. Meredith also shared a conversation she had with Trustee Brian Raulainitis who indicated he believed that over time, those plowing the road would get used to a curb in that area and would adjust. He liked the traffic calming benefits that additional green space would offer and would support adding green space with a curb. Scott expressed his concern about maintaining the green space without a curb and stated he would not support putting in the green space without a curb. Meredith reminded the Board that the Village will need to get a permit from the Town to work in their ROW for this project, so we should be mindful of their preferences. Bob stated he did not want to spend funds now on additional green space if there is a chance it will just be removed in the future when the School Street/Pearl Street intersection is re-done. Gordy expressed that he sees the addition of green space in this area as part of a future intersection project, not the current sidewalk project. Bob made a motion to not add green space in front of 125 Pearl Street as part of the sidewalk project, but rather to just add curbing adjacent to the sidewalk up to the School Street intersection. Scott seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. The Trustees also agreed that based on the comments received during the sidewalk design project, they feel the School Street/Pearl Street intersection needs to be looked at.

Other Business

Meredith gave a brief update on the municipal gardening projects; Peter Moynihan has been hired as a temporary part-time employee to complete gardening at the Municipal Building,

welcome signs, and at two Town bridges. Andrea Blaisdell has been hired as a part time temporary employee to complete the installation of shrubs at the Village Green. Meredith has also been in contact with a volunteer who has agreed to help clean up the Cold Spring.

Adjourn

Scott made a motion to adjourn at 4:25 p.m. and Bob seconded. All were in favor and the motion passed.