

Historic District Commission
September 19, 2012 – Special Meeting
Town Hall – Room #3
127 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Ellen Sharon, Robert Kvederas, Peter Chesnes, Nancy Anderson, Linda Akerman; Alternate Janice Adams; Town Planner Adam Turner, Selectman James Ford.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sharon called this Special Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PRESENTATION BY TOWN PLANNER ADAM TURNER on the grant funded planned streetscape improvements for the south side of Linwood Avenue from Route 85 to Stop & Shop

While the location of the proposed walkways are not located in the Historic District, members have the opportunity to comment and give suggestions on the proposal.

A. Turner presented sketches of the proposed plan that includes plantings, granite curbing, solar lampposts, benches, and sidewalks. This plan will provide a continuous pedestrian pathway from the Airline Trail on Lebanon Avenue down Linwood Avenue to the Stop & Shop area and make a statement at the entrance to the center of town.

Concern was expressed with the stamped concrete portion of the sidewalk and the wear that it would incur. The red color on the crosswalks located on Route 85 has not held up well. A. Turner noted that those stamped concrete crosswalks have a color surface treatment and the new walkway concrete is mixed with the red color throughout the material, not just a surface color.

Members questioned the walkway along the northern side (Library area) of Linwood Avenue and preferred that it be left as is in that area. They also wanted the Town to place trash receptacles in locations along the walkway.

Chairman Sharon noted that the walkway will bring attention to the town's historic buildings and would like the walk area to not be a distraction to those buildings.

At this time a maintenance plan is being developed. The design plan will be presented at the Selectmen's meeting tomorrow and to the State by September 28, 2012, with work beginning in late spring or early summer of 2013.

3. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by: N. Anderson
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: R. Kvederas.

Vote: Unanimous.

Chairman Sharon adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk

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