

**TOWN OF STOW**  
**Lower Village Sub-Committee**

Minutes of the October 10, 2007, Lower Village Sub-Committee Meeting.

Present: Committee Members: Don McPherson, Bruce Fletcher, Laura Spear, Russ Willis and Karen Kelleher  
Associate Member: Phil Moseley  
Highway Superintendent: Mke Clayton  
Residents: Andrea Harris and Brian Martinson

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. on the Lower Village Common.

**Reviewed Action Items**

Faxon Farm Fence Donation

Karen Kelleher will follow up with Bill Roop and Harry Blackey on the fence donation.

Sidewalk Funds

Laura Spear reported that the Planning Board conceptually supports the Lower Village Sub-Committee's proposal for sidewalks but would like to see a formal proposal from the Sub-Committee indicating sidewalk locations and cost estimates.

Granite Posts

Members discussed whether the old style granite posts from the Maine Company should be used for the Common only or throughout the Lower Village. Concern was voiced about whether the Maine Company has the supply. It was also noted that because the other posts would be purchased by individual property owners, they should be easily accessible. Members were in agreement that the granite posts from the Maine Company should be used at the Common. It was also noted that approximately 300 posts would be needed for the rest of the village.

It was agreed that the fence posts should be 7' (3' in the ground and 4' out).

Pedestrian Refuge Islands

Mike Clayton reported that, in order to be released from any liability, ET&L Construction agreed to sell jersey barriers for \$1.00. He will order signs and barrels to warn drivers of the change in traffic pattern. Don McPherson suggested that typical "pedestrian crossing" signs would be adequate. Mike Clayton disagreed, noting it is important to give advance notice of the change in traffic pattern.

**Fence and Pathway locations**

Members discussed the best location for fencing and sidewalks.

- Although there was no consensus of the actual location, there was general agreement that a fence and pathway should be located from Pompositticut Street, across the Town owned land in front of the Shoemaker house, to Red Acre Road. Some felt the pathway should be located within the existing driveway serving the Shoemaker and Brown homes (in this case, easements would be required to relocate the existing driveways) and others felt the path should be located in front of the driveway so that the existing access to the homes could be maintained.

Members also agreed to request that the Highway Department remove the fallen fence and guardrail on the west side of the property and remove some vegetation to improve sight lines for traffic entering Red Acre Road.

***Laura Spear moved to forward a letter to the Shoemakers informing them that this fall, we intend to clear a pathway, remove the fallen fence and guardrail on the west side of the property and remove some vegetation to improve sight lines for traffic entering Red Acre Road. The motion was seconded by Russ Willis and carried by a unanimous vote of five members present (Don McPherson, Bruce Fletcher, Laura Spear, Russ Willis and Karen Kelleher).***

**Adjournment**

The Meeting adjourned at 10.06 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Kelleher  
Member