

**TOWN OF STOW
PLANNING BOARD**

Minutes of the October 3, 2011 Planning Board Meeting.

Present: Planning Board Members: Lori Clark, Ernie Dodd and Kathleen Willis

Administrative Assistant: Kristen Domurad

Absent: Planning Board Members: Steve Quinn and Lenny Golder

Associate Member: Brian Martinson

Planning Coordinator: Karen Kelleher

The Meeting was called to order at 7 P.M.

Kristina Wile of the Pedestrian Walkway Sub-Committee and Bruce Fletcher, Great Road Walkways Project Manager were also present.

DISCUSSION OF WALKWAY SEGMENT 1

Lori Clark explained that the original award to Century Paving was for segments 3 and 4 and a portion of segment 1, as they did not know how much money they would have left to complete all of segment 1 and could not afford all of segment 1.

Bruce Fletcher stated that he received a verbal quote from Century Paving for \$85.00/ft. for construction of a 270ft. portion of walkway starting at Habitech's property going west along the Tyler property, stopping at Tyler's driveway.

Lori stated that this is one of the most dangerous sections and that it would be very important to provide a sidewalk in this area. She noted that the question is really how to award the additional feet of sidewalk.

Kristen Domurad asked whether they were working with Habitech to build only the portion where an easement is required or if they included the area in the Town's right of way.

Ernie Dodd stated that they did not need to include the segment of walkway in the amended contract, which is within the right of way as they are in negotiations with Habitech to build walkways along Habitech property as well as the section within the right of way.

Bruce Fletcher proposed the Board make a change order by amending the contract instead of awarding the new section. He noted that Dan of Century Paving said this would be the easiest way, and that he could have the insurance company amend the bond to include the additional sections of segment 1.

Bruce suggested considering making the motion in a way that allows for more of section 1 to be built incase they are able to expend more money.

Ernie Dodd motioned to amend the current contract with Century Paving to spend up to an additional amount of \$25,000 for construction of approximately 270 linear feet of sidewalk or

more from the Habitech property line to Old Bolton Road or as far west as the budget allows. The motion was seconded by Kathleen Willis and carried a vote of three in favor (Ernie Dodd, Kathleen Willis and Lori Clark).

Bruce stated that the area in the right of way between Habitech and Tyler's property only has a 4-foot wide walkway. Bruce said he spoke with Dan of Century Paving about doing a small green strip between the walkway as it looks like it could be setback about ½ foot further against the embankment. Dan told Bruce he could look at the area and see how much work would need to be done in order to accommodate change this.

Kathleen Willis asked if Tim Lima had any concerns about this section of the walkway. Kris noted that they did not receive any comments about this area. Ernie Dodd suggested adding a guardrail.

Lori stated that if there were enough room to set the walkway further back, it would feel safer.

Kathleen Willis moved to allow Bruce Fletcher, Project Manager, to negotiate with Century Paving to move a section of sidewalk, which lies within the right of way and along the Tyler/Habitech property, further back from the road, as long as minimal work is needed to improve the safety. The Motion was seconded by Ernie Dodd and carried a vote of three in favor (Ernie Dodd, Kathleen Willis and Lori Clark).

Board members discussed design options for crosswalks that could be used instead of the type specified in the plans. He stated that the type of stamped pavement the PWP originally had asked for is much more difficult to install and if they still wanted it Century Paving would not be able to do this until later in the year. He suggested the Board vote to approve a change order that would allow Century Paving to use thermo-plastic in either the continental or block design.

Kris Wile stated that the PWP sub-committee voted to recommend to the Planning Board that they approve the thermo-plastic in either the continental or block design instead of stamped brick paving pattern for the crosswalk at Harvard Road and Hudson Road. Kris noted that Bruce listed the other items they are doing in lieu of the stamped paving.

Kathleen Willis stated that the Highway Department was originally supposed to complete the aprons at near the Leone property. She requested the Board find out approximately how much it is costing Century Paving to complete these aprons, and potentially ask for that amount of money from the Highway Department's Great Road Sidewalk Fund be put into their Sidewalk Account.

Kristen Domurad stated that there was no additional charge from Century Paving; the aprons were one of the four minor changes Century Paving was willing to do in exchange for not doing the stamped pavement at the crosswalks.

Kathleen stated that they still want to know how much they are saving the Highway Department.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Domurad
Administrative Assistant