BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT

Minutes of the meeting of the Borough of Newtown Ad Hoc Sidewalk Committee on **Tuesday**, **January 5, 2021.** The meeting was held remotely due to COVID-19 mandates and precautions. Warden Maher called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Present: Warden Jay Maher, Senior Burgess Chris Gardner, Burgess Bill Eder, Charles Zukowski and Lynne Farrah.

Absent: None

Also Present: No members of the public

Burgess Bill Eder made a motion to accept the March 5, 2020 Special meeting minutes, seconded by Lynne Farrah. All in favor and motion passed.

Public Participation: None

Chairperson's Report:

The committee identified the top tier projects for consideration namely, Queen St at Church Hill Rd, the Sugar St. project, the Currituck connection and the Queen St. Extension A project from Newtown Middle School to Grand Place. The committee also discussed the attempt to add a crosswalk on the Sugar St. project at Elm Dr. and Baldwin Rd. Although new sidewalks at the Citgo Station at 47 Church and the old Police Station at 3 Main St. are a priority, it is thought that redevelopment of those properties in the near future would include installation of sidewalks as part of their build out and not be a cost to taxpayers. Lynne Farah also suggested a crosswalk at South Main St and Hawley Lane as part of the Dickenson Park access project. The financials are available and Senior Burgess Gardner recommended the Committee try to put at least one of these projects out to bid this year to give the Town, especially student walkers, something to which to look forward. Some Members noted that they have seen many residents utilizing and enjoying the sidewalks since the Pandemic began.

New Business:

Charles Zukowski spoke with Bike and Trail about connecting Reservoir Road and Castle Hill trail within the Borough. Mr. Zukowski mentioned Bike and Trail seemed interested to look into this and with the approval of the Town, the connection could be made.

Old Business:

None

Public Participation:

None

DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND THE CURRENT STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED BY THE GOVERNOR, THE MEETING WILL NOT BE IN-PERSON. A PUBLIC CALL-IN PHONE NUMBER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REMOTE PARTICIPATION.

There being no further business, Burgess Bill Eder made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m., seconded by Senior Burgess Chris Gardner and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted, Kiley Morrison Gottschalk, Clerk

A recording of the meeting may be found here:

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