

**BOROUGH OF NEWTOWN
NEWTOWN, CONNECTICUT**

Minutes of the meeting of the Borough Ad hoc Sidewalk Committee on **Tuesday, March 5, 2024**, in the Mary Hall Room of the Edmond Town Hall. Warden Maher called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m.

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

Absent: None

Also Present: No members of the public

Chairperson's Report:

Warden Maher began with the overview of funding allocated for the Sugar Street Sidewalk project and the Queen St/Church Hill Rd project. The Town of Newtown allocated \$200,000 ARPA funds, along with the Borough allocating \$138,000 ARPA funds, making the total ARPA funds of \$338,000. Warden Maher has been coordinating bids with the purchasing department of Newtown.

Members of the committee reviewed final drawings of Sugar Street's 1400 linear of sidewalk project. It was confirmed no trees will need to be removed, the Wetlands department has signed off on the plans and all areas of the sidewalk are in the right of way except one house which has approved the placement of the sidewalk. It was discussed that the proposed project is estimated at \$188,000.00. The department of Land Use and CT DOT has approved the drawings. Warden Maher is working with the Newtown purchasing department with the bidding process.

Members of the committee reviewed drawings for the Queen Street/Church Hill Road intersection. Mr. Zukowski noted the project started out small when first discussed in 2021 but has grown since the DOT has become involved due to the need to upgrade safety measures for the intersection. Warden Maher will contact DOT to discuss their possible fiscal contribution to the project.

Warden Maher informed the committee the State of Ct recently approached the Borough regarding LoCIP funds which are available to the Borough in the amount of \$13,647.00. During the October Borough meeting, the Board of Burgesses made a motion approving the use of LoCIP funds and \$6,353 ARPA funds to complete the Queen Street project. This project would extend the sidewalk from the Middle School to the stop sign at the intersection of Glover Ave and Queen Street. This project will be completed in 2024.

Warden Maher offered an update for 35 Main Street sidewalk project. The project has been approved by the Board of Burgesses The sidewalk is in disrepair will consist of two stages: 1.

Demolition and 2. Repair which will match the existing style of sidewalk (stamped concrete). Warden Maher reported the project has been put to bid. The project will be completed by June 2024.

Lynne Farrah had inquired about various disrepair of sidewalks in town. Warden Maher has asked her to document the issues and present them at the next meeting to discuss repair.

Bill Eder inquired of the status of the “Currituck Connector” that provides walkways from the Monument to Summit Lane. Warden Maher stated the project is on hold until funding can be acquired.

New Business: The topic of the potential Johnny Cake Lane to Reservoir Road sidewalk was reviewed given the potential Castle Hill Development. It was suggested the Castle Hill Development could perhaps participate in the creation of the sidewalk as a part of the project. It was agreed a discussion with the developers would be beneficial to increasing the plausibility of the sidewalk.

Charles Zukowski suggested creating a park at the state owned property located on Johnny Cake Lane. He further suggested it could possibly be called the Borough Bicentennial Park in commemoration of the Borough bicentennial occurring this year. Charles Zukowski also announced he is now on the Town Bike and Trail Committee and if we had any suggestions or comments regarding this committee to please contact him.

There being no further business, Senior Burgess Gardner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 p.m., seconded by Bill Eder and unanimously approved.