

**LINCOLN BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**APPROVED**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**JULY 27, 2017 – 5:30PM**

**LINCOLN TOWN HALL - 148 MAIN STREET, LINCOLN, NH**

**Board of Selectmen Present:** Vice-Chair, Tamra Ham and Selectperson Jayne Ludwig.

**Excused:** Chairman Robinson

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Butch Burbank, Chief Ron Beard & Administrative Assistant Jane Leslie.

**Public Present:** Town Engineer Ray Korber, Tammy Gionet-Dutilly, Jim Welsh, Debbie Celino, Mary Conn, Ivan & Paula Strickon, Dave Beaudin, Victoria Martin, Terry Ross, Susan Whitman, Charlene Boyle, Bob Lamontagne, Carol Smith, Roger Harrington, Charlene Cochrane, Chiara Govoni, Dan Thomas, Pamela & Richard Devellis, Tom & Jeanette VanDewater, Stan Shupe, Sarah Harrington, Victor Aldridge, Steve Noseworthy, Vicky Martin, Mike Schnell and Etta Martin.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Tamra Ham called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**II. REVIEW OF FINAL DESIGN FOR POLLARD ROAD SIDEWALK**

Engineer Ray Korber greeted the audience and did a quick recap on the evolution of the sidewalk project to date. Korber had the final plans for the sidewalk on display and reviewed the proposed alignment of the sidewalk, and discussed where crosswalks would be placed as well as handicap accessible curb ramps to meet the ADA requirements for new or altered pedestrian walkways. At this time, Mr. Korber opened the meeting up to the audience for questions or concerns they may have.

**III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Paula Strickon requested that the meeting minutes reflect what she had been told by the Town concerning a tree on her property that is very precious to her (the corner of O'Brien Avenue and Pollard Road) and that it will be carefully trimmed by an arborist. Town Manager Burbank explained that there are several projects on Pollard Road that the arborist will be contracted to work on, and will take place prior to the actual sidewalk project beginning. Burbank encouraged the residents that if they should have any further questions as the arborist begins working, they may contact either Ray Korber or Public Works Director Nate Hadaway.

Bob Lamontagne (99 Pollard Rd.) questioned how wide the sidewalk would be from the edge of the road, as he has two (2) trees near the edge of his property that he is concerned about. Korber explained the sidewalk will be five (5) feet from the edge of the road to the back of the sidewalk. Mr. Lamontagne explained that he is not concerned about the trees being removed, but rather what happens if either of the trees/root systems are damaged during the sidewalk construction, and if he would be responsible for the removal of the trees/root systems. Town Manager Burbank responded that if the tree(s) are damaged because of the sidewalk construction the Town will be 100% responsible for removal. Ray Korber noted that the tree is within the Town's right-of-way anyway, therefore, he will not have to worry. Town Manager Burbank added that the Town will most likely take the tree down (Mr. Lamontagne agreed).

Carol Smith questioned the status of the Mountain View Condo property and if the sidewalk was going to cross the driveway. Selectman Ham explained that after extensive discussions and negotiations with the Mountain View Condo Board, the Selectmen voted to put in a painted crosswalk that will have the same measurements (5 feet) as the raised crosswalk, and the same rules (no parking). Ms. Smith questioned if this was to become a safety hazard in the future, would the Board reconsider its position at another date. Selectman Ham hesitated to say no, however, the Board took an official vote and easements have changed hands, therefore it would be difficult to change this at another time, unless another easement was granted. Selectman Ham also noted that the Board was not interested in taking land by eminent domain, as it is costly and time consuming. Town Manager Burbank added that this does not preclude future select boards from re-visiting this issue down the road.

Roger Harrington asked if the hydrant on the corner of O'Brien Avenue was going to be moved. Mr. Korber explained that several hydrants will be moved, and this hydrant will be moved one (1) foot clear from the back of the sidewalk. Mr. Harrington also noted that the storm drain cover can be turned, as he was looking at it this morning and feels that will work.

Paula Strickon asked if the entire project is coming in on/under budget as proposed and accepted at Town Meeting. Mr. Korber responded that it is and reviewed the following construction costs: For the south side alignment, the construction cost estimate was \$322,000. and the project is currently at \$295,000. Mr. Korber also noted items such as *attorney's fees, surveying and engineering* costs are right on budget. Mrs. Strickon asked when the expected project start date would be. Town Manager Burbank explained the project is ready to go out to bid next week, and there will be a three (3) week window for contractors to respond, at which time he will make a final decision on the successful bidder and the project will begin shortly after Labor Day.

Mary Conn asked about the new road that was constructed at the upper end of Pollard Road, and asked if the Cape Cod berm that was taken out could be used as part of the sidewalk and not put the curb in. Korber explained that the raised sidewalk enhances pedestrian safety.

Terry Ross asked what was going to happen to the curbing that was removed and wrapped around the resident's driveways. Korber explained that each driveway must be ramped down because the sidewalk is raised, so when they get close to a driveway, the sidewalk will actually ramp down so that pedestrians can cross the driveway entrance. Ms. Ross also noted that the Common Man has a very dangerous driveway that hosts a lot of traffic from vehicles seeking cell reception and dining and feels with the wide apron that has been added, it will be more dangerous. Korber explained that the crosswalk will not cross over the driveway as it is a parking lot.

Dave Beaudin asked how much of this project was put on town property, and how much of the Mountain View Condo property was on the town right-of-way because he feels that the Board did an injustice by taking a vote to go against what the town residents voted for at Town Meeting, which was for a raised sidewalk and not a crosswalk. Mr. Beaudin applauded Selectman Ham for voting against this at the previous Board meeting.

Jim Welsh asked why the Board and public refers to the area in front of Mountain View Condos as a "crosswalk" when it doesn't cross the street. Town Manager Burbank stated for the record that in front of Mountain View Condos it will be a painted sidewalk. Mr. Welsh also asked what will happen if the bids for the project come in much higher than anticipated. Town Manager Burbank said we will see what happens and take it from there.

Roger Harrington asked what is going to happen when it comes to snow removal as the sidewalk is going to be right on his line. Town Manager Burbank and Nate Hadaway have discussed this and determined if the snow cannot be blown into the road it will have to be hauled away and he assured Mr. Harrington that the snow will not be on his lawn.

Mary Conn asked if there will be enough time to complete the project and pave the sidewalk this year. Selectman Ham added that it's going to be tight but the paving will have to be completed by early November, leaving two (2) months to get the sidewalk finished. Ray Korber added that there are many variables, and pending on the contractor, they usually have multiple crews working this time of year to get the work done prior to the asphalt plants closing for the season. Town Manager Burbank added that the many variables will be stipulated in the request for bids and it will be up to the contractor to determine if they can complete the task within the noted timeframe. Ms. Conn commented that the slim time-frame has made it difficult for smaller contractors to bid this project. Town Manager Burbank disagreed and noted that sidewalks are often constructed with very small crews, and oftentimes the smaller contractors will partner up with other local contractors to get the job done.

Ivan Strickon asked how deep the crew will be digging when they begin dredging out to put the sidewalk in. Ray Korber said it will depend upon where they are digging, but it should range between 6-8 inches (6 inches of gravel in).

## V. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to attend to, the Board made the following motion:

**MOTION: "To adjourn."**

**Motion: Tamra Ham**

**Second: Jayne Ludwig**

**Motion carries.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Leslie

Approval Date 9/11/2017

Chairman O.J. Robinson

Tamra Ham

Jayne Ludwig



July 27, 2017

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