

SDAT/AIA Steering Committee
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, October 26, 2016
7 P.M. PARK & REC. HOUSE (7 Mountain Road)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bob Clarke, Sue Cheatham, Kathryn Sherer (Chair), David Taylor, Mary Tyrrell, Kippy West

MEMBERS ABSENT: Mike Novak

ALSO PRESENT: Bill Butterly, Kathy Doyle, and members of the Press

Ms. Sherer called the meeting to order at 7p.m.

The minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

The Committee discussed to comments from the Town-wide Board of Selectmen's meeting, the role of the SDAT Committee and the role of volunteers. Mr. Butterly expressed a concern that two issues could jeopardize the work of the Committee, based on comments he has received: (1) continued discussion of the possibility of eliminating the power lines on Main Street and (2) continued discussion of narrowing the lanes on Main Street.

After discussing the comments received and Mr. Butterly's concerns, the Committee determined that where there are existing Boards, Committees and Commissions with relevant responsibilities and expertise, those bodies should take the lead in determining how to implement the initiatives the Committee has recommended the Town pursue, with the assistance and support of the individuals who volunteered to help at the Town wide meeting. In that connection, the Committee agreed that the Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee should be asked to look at sidewalks; the Business and Development Committee should be asked to look at marketing, and the Parks and Recreation Commission should be asked to look at programming and seating on Town Greens. Ms. Sherer requested that the Committee members who sit on the Business and Economic Development Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission take the necessary steps to further these activities with those bodies and the volunteers who have expressed interest in those topics. Ms. Sherer will communicate the Committee's views to Kay Campbell, Chair of the Shade Tree and Sidewalk Committee.

The Committee next discussed the power lines. Ms. Tyrrell noted that Eversource would conduct a study at no cost to the Town and that the Town could reach an informed decision as to whether to pursue elimination of the power lines after receiving this report. After discussion, on motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that the Committee recommend to the Board of Selectman that the Board of Selectmen request that Eversource conduct a study to determine the feasibility

and cost of sinking the power lines along Main Street from Sherman Hill Road to Flanders Road.

The Committee next discussed the Main Street streetscape as a whole. Ms. Sherer noted that the State will make changes in accordance with State standards when they next repave Main Street, but might be willing to accommodate the Town's interests if the Town has a clear proposal. The Committee agreed to invite volunteers who had expressed an interest in this topic, members of other Town Boards, Commissions and Committees, and other interested parties to attend the Committee's November meeting to further discuss this topic.

Ms. West requested an update on the status of the possible modifications to the North Green. She noted that Mr. Peck had prepared recommendations that were considered by the Parks and Recreation Commission, which had recommended one change. The Committee agreed that this matter should be included on the agenda for consideration at its November meeting.

Mr. Butterly requested that the Committee consider two items: whether the sidewalk system in Town should be expanded to connect from Middle Quarter to the Reservoir property and incorporate the business and trolley bed area, and whether the Bicentennial Green should be landscaped for used as a "natural amphitheater." The Committee concluded that the landscaping and use of the Bicentennial Green should be considered by the Parks and Recreation Commission and that discussion regarding connections to the Reservoir should be an agenda item for the Committee's December meeting.

The Committee decided to change the date of its November meeting from November 23 to Wednesday, November 30. The Committee decided to change the date of its December meeting from December 27, 2016 to Thursday, January 5, 2017.

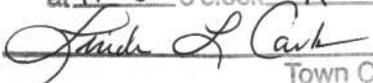
The Committee agreed that meetings in 2017 would be held on the fourth Wednesday of every month at 7pm, except that the November meeting will be held on the fifth Wednesday of November. The Committee agreed to hold two meetings in January 2017: the first on January 5, and the second on the fourth Wednesday of January.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Filed subject to approval

Kathryn Sherer

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