



SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

October 16, 2013

Present: Chair Robert Stevens, Laurie Boldis, Sandy Carlin,
Sindy Morse, Sharon Weed;

Laura Johnson, Trustee Liaison; James Tornatore, Mayor;

Guest: Dennis Carlin, Deputy Mayor.

R. Stevens called meeting to order @ 7:00 PM.

R. Stevens summarized that each member compiled information on their own street walkabouts; and that the basis of consideration as to whether a property should have a sidewalk is *continuation*. R. Stevens reiterated that Village Code had said no exceptions, which left no wiggle room, so the committee looked at feasibility based on trees, hydrants, buildings etc; could a sidewalk apply to both sides of the street? Or only one or the other?

Each member reviewed their findings; it was felt that there should be a list of 'potential' areas that could be further reviewed by DPW for feedback. Members agree some areas need sidewalks due to usage by walkers, and does a lack of houses or walkers automatically eliminate an area? Or is only factor feasible continuation of sidewalk? Also comments were made about driveways that end at sidewalk and exceed (1") elevation per Code.

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The question was raised about new owners being unaware of Village Code; two options suggested would be inform local real estate agencies, and/or Village CEO write letter to new owner of code.

Guest D. Carlin asked about areas owned by railroads; R. Stevens stated it seemed they would need to comply, but this would be a question for the Village Attorney. J. Tornatore stated that IDA is owner of some areas, and will contact Leann Tinney regarding the funding they received for upgrade/maintenance of these areas.

R. Stevens also said another question for the Attorney would be of there are any areas part of agricultural district.

R. Stevens stated it can be expected that there will be objections, but safety and easy access to businesses are uppermost objectives. If a property owner has made no progress, that is not considered an excuse.

J. Tornatore stated other communities are having this same issue. Village deeded over to residents years ago, and another local community did the same thing.

R. Stevens stated the Village would pay more to maintain sidewalks if they owned them due to prevailing wage. J. Tornatore explained that any project done by a political subdivision was done at prevailing wage, which increases the cost of municipal projects.

R. Stevens talked of the situation in a nearby town wherein creative option was used, after checking it out with NYS Comptroller, wherein contracting group's employees made temporary 'town' employees to deal w/sidewalks. R. Stevens stated this Village could look at creative options as well, i.e. group paying a vendor (at non-prevailing wage), and Village reimbursing the group.

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A list of 'potential' areas will be e-mailed to members and to DPW.

Updated survey results will be added to past survey findings, in order to compare current survey to past.

Meeting adjourned at 8: 20 PM.

Kathy McCall
Account Clerk Typist

NEXT MEETING
NOVEMBER 20th @ 7 PM
in NOBLE ROOM