

SIDEWALK COMMITTEE February 19, 2014

Present: Robert Stevens, Laurie Boldis, Sindy Morse, Sharon Weed

Laura Johnson, Trustee Liaison; James Tornatore, Mayor

Absent: Sandra Carlin

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

Review of the sample survey questionnaire was done.

R. Stevens wants to avoid an increase of taxes.

J. Tornatore stated he agrees philosophically, but the reality is that expenses continue to grow.

J. Tornatore reviewed the city of Syracuse and their similar issues. Syracuse lacked staffing to maintain sidewalks, and had a proposal wherein owners would be fined daily if not compliant – this proposal did not get implemented. Syracuse hired contractors and spread out expense over ten years – appeared on budget as separate issue.

R. Stevens reviewed that any property found 'exempt' from sidewalk would be left as is as, as it met criteria wherein it was not feasible --- if circumstances change, status could change.

J. Tornatore stated that agricultural land use is exempt; and that along route 38, DOT does not own, but DOT does have easements.

Motion to adjourn L. Boldis; second S. Weed; adjourned 8:14 PM.

NEXT MEETING 3/19/14 NOBLE ROOM 7 PM