



# SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

April 16, 2014

Present: Robert Stevens, Sindy Morse; Sharon Weed

James Tornatore, Mayor; Michael Reynolds, Deputy Mayor; Ginger VanEtten, Trustee liaison

Absent: Sandra Carlin (Laurie Boldis resignation)

Guest: Deputy Clerk Rachel Jacobs; Joseph Tomazin

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

R. Jacobs spoke of NYS DOT Transportation Alternative Program that would be sought for reimbursement of the 20% match. A minimum of 250,000 to maximum of 2 million available. There needs to be community support, with a community plan, letters of support, surveys, petitions. Final paperwork has to be in 6/11/14.

J. Tornatore stated that residents would still own sidewalks, and that the Code Enforcement Office (CEO) would continue to enforce maintenance with respect to snow/ice, and if a sidewalk is considered unsafe CEO can enforce under present code.

J. Tornatore spoke of the water project history, wherein due to the safety issues, it was urgent to move on issues and time did not allow it to come up to voters – therefore done by permissive referendum wherein there are 30 days to question the Board's vote.

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There is voter referendum wherein the issue voted on. Door to door contact would be an option wherein owners would be informed of the 20% opportunity, versus the 100% cost. Marketing would be another component of informing contractors.

Per R. Jacobs, public outreach and documented support is crucial.

J. Tornatore stated that the deadline for sidewalk compliance is to be December 2016 (moved from December 2014). Issue to be on agenda for Board.

J. Tornatore stated that after 2015 for all municipalities, there is no more tax cap override so this will have an impact.

It was felt that there needed to be another committee meeting this month.

Next meeting scheduled for next week, Wednesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

R. Stevens adjourned meeting at 8:40 PM.

*NEXT MEETING 4/23/14 @ 7 PM*

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