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Chris Bailey
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Corridor Committee Minutes

Monday, 5:30 pm December 19, 2022
Lower Meeting Room Warner Town Hall 5 E Main St

The Corridor Committee meeting was called to order promptly at 5:30. In attendance were Committee Members: Tim Blagden, Darren Blood, Michael Brown, Casey Milender, Sam Milender, and Christine Frost attended by phone Alternates: Arlon Chaffee, Chris Bailey.

Tim Allen, Public Works Director, was ill but provided Christine with the following information for the Committee.

- The goal of Public Works is to fix/reconstruct approximately 400-500 ft of sidewalk a year. This cost is approximately \$35K annually which includes staff time.
- This past year (2022) they were able to complete 200 ft because of staffing issues and the increased work due to the loan passing.
- The Town could choose to hire this work out but the same 400-500ft would cost approximately \$50K, that was a quote that was received last year.
- Last winter the Town spent approximately \$30K - \$35K in winter labor and materials to maintain the current sidewalk system that is in place.
- It takes about 10-12 hours after a storm to get to the sidewalks as the same staff do both roads and the sidewalks, and the roads are required to be done first.
- Regarding the difference in the maintenance costs between a multi-use path and a sidewalk, Tim stated that it is easier and faster to maintain the 8ft path than the 5 ft sidewalk as they can do that with a truck. The sidewalks not only require a person to use a much smaller machine, but the salt from the roads also makes it very wet and difficult for the smaller machines

Some questions that came from the Committee that Christine was unable to answer were as follows:

- What is the total linear feet of existing sidewalk/walkways in the Town?
- What is the cost difference between bituminous or concrete sidewalks and the pavers that are put into most of the sidewalks in Town? Would the maintenance cost of these be different?

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- Would it be less expensive in the long run to purchase other equipment that would make maintenance easier?
- Are pavers problematic?
- What is the additional maintenance %-wise if the sidewalk is put in connecting the Village and Exit 9?
- Would like to hear the plan for budgeting for another 3,750ft.

Christine informed the group that she could ask Tim to come back another time.

Mike provided several handouts providing an overall understanding of the previous warrant articles, when they were passed, the amounts funded. There was good discussion and concluded that it would be best to wait until after the survey comes to craft any recommendations regarding the funds.

The remainder of the meeting was spent going through the survey that Sam, Casey and Tim had put together. It was generally agreed that the survey should be worded in a way that did not assume anyone understood certain terminology, be as simple as possible, and in general be able to understand if there is support for a project. While some wording at the introduction could provide some background. It was agreed that the next meeting the Committee would review the survey and discuss ways to distribute.

Follow up, the survey subcommittee would continue work on the survey. Faith and Mike and Christine would complete minutes. And all will enjoy the holidays – there being no meeting on the 26th.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55.

Respectfully submitted