

Chester Main Street Project Committee

Regular Meeting, October 8, 2019

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1. Call to Order

The Chester Main Street Project Committee held its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, at the Chester Town Hall, 203 Middlesex Avenue, Chester, Connecticut. Chairman Joplin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Seating of Members

Members in attendance were Michael Joplin, John Schroeder, Ed Meehan, Chuck Mueller, Charlene Janecek and Jeremy Zeimann.

3. Presentation by Aaron Mortensen of the final plans going to the State showing changes made to date and a motion recommending the plans be sent to the Selectmen for their acceptance as the final set of plans for Main Street Improvements, Phase 3

Chairman Joplin noted the Committee needs to approve and recommend to the Selectmen the final set of drawings which will then be sent to RiverCog and the State D.O.T. Once the Selectmen approve the plans, the easements can be signed and approved.

Aaron Mortensen reviewed the Design to Bid Schedule and the State Authorization to Award. Easements are required from the private property owners of 8 lights. All easements have to be obtained before submitting to the State.

Ed Meehan asked about the easements for the voids. The private property owners will hire contractors to do their work on private property. There's nothing to be sent to the State for temporary rights, it's the easements that get submitted to the State.

Aaron Mortensen noted they addressed comments from the last meeting. Nothing has changed in the phasing, things were just fine tuned.

There was discussion regarding the water main work and the following items –

Sign height – D.O.T. requirement is 7' to the bottom of the sign.

Trash Containers – existing ones to remain in place and new ones installed (any old ones can be removed to the garage).

Eversource – underground utility power was discussed. There was an issue of not enough power at Simons. Its too long of a run to the cemetery to have the right amperage. Chairman Joplin asked if another service could be installed at the rear of Simons which would not be part of the Main Street Project. It was noted First Selectman Gister has a meeting set up with Eversource. One reason for doing this would be for fighting a fire.

Following items were reviewed –

- Structural engineer back from vacation on October 14th and will start on voids.
- Light pole in front of Lori Warners (2 poles to be removed and turned over to the town).
- Reviewed new light poles and existing light poles.

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- Landscaping at the French Hen was reviewed.
- Striping at no parking area and plaza area reviewed.
- Two hour parking sign between 8 AM and 6 PM reviewed.
- Kiosk – it was decided to keep the kiosk, a work in progress, need more detail, replace kiosk in front of Jim Miller's, no cell phone charging.
- Street Trees were reviewed.
- New flagstone in front of L&E.
- Phasing plan will be discussed with contractor.
- Discussion about things to be done to assist the merchants.
- Maple Street Parking Sign to be verified in the field before being installed.
- Receptacles at Chester Wall were reviewed.

Motion by Mueller, second by Schroeder, to approve plans dated September 20, 2019 from N. L. Jacobson & Associates as revised and other miscellaneous comments from John Schroeder modified as a result of the October 8, 2019 meeting for the final design specifications for Phase 3 Main Street Project Town of Chester, and recommendation to send to the Board of Selectmen for their approval and submittal to RiverCog at their meeting of October 10, 2019. Approved with Janecek abstaining.

4. Other Business, if any – none.

5. Bills for Payment – none.

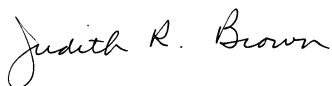
6. Approval of Minutes – September 10, 2019 – tabled.

7. Audience of Citizens – Bill DeJonge was present but didn't offer comment.

8. Adjournment

Motion made by Mueller, seconded by Schroeder, to adjourn at 9:00 PM. Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary