

Chester Main Street Project Committee

Regular Meeting, December 10, 2019

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1. Call to Order

The Chester Main Street Project Committee held its regular meeting on Tuesday, December 10, 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, Charlene Janecek, Ed Meehan and John Schroeder.

3. Aaron Mortensen – discussion regarding voids under sidewalk in area of Simon’s and River Tavern and update on progress of D.O.T

Chairman Joplin noted for the record he used to own some of these buildings and his business partner is Carol Lewitt and a lot of this discussion goes on in his office. They share office staff which works out wonderfully.

He briefly reviewed a 4 hour meeting at Carol’s house with Sue Sbrolla, Carol’s assistant. Last Wednesday they met at Jacobson’s office with Aaron Mortenson and Amy from GNCB, Structural Engineers. GNCB has studied the voids along Main Street (Lori Warner, Simons, Villager, River Tavern, and Dina’s Shop.

Chairman Joplin reviewed in detail the void areas under the Villager, Simons and Lori Warner. We should try and find out what work was done in these areas after the 1982 flood. Joplin noted there is a compromised IBeam under Simons. There was discussion about replacing and/or supporting the IBeam. It was suggested the IBeam be reinforced by building a concrete wall under it so that the flowable fill is contained in the whole area. The wood sill is about 7’ about this and appears to be in good shape. The IBeam is not in good shape. The sidewalk sits on top of the IBeam. There was discussion about redoing the stairs going down. Chairman Joplin noted the owner of the building is paying for all this work.

It’s the recommendation of the engineer to build a cement block wall and create another void which will be filled with flowable fill. The electric utilities under River Tavern will have to be moved.

Chairman Joplin noted in terms of moving and clearing out storage areas, that should start on January 6th and be completed by March 1st. The businesses will be able to stay open during this work.

GNCB is checking out this work and surveying the buildings. Joplin noted the State will be taking out sections of the sidewalk and pumping in the flowable fill. He also noted First Selectwoman Gister expects to hear back from the State D.O.T. by the end of the week.

4. Other Business, if any

It was suggested the next meeting should be January 7th, the first Tuesday after New Year’s.

5. Bills for Payment – none.

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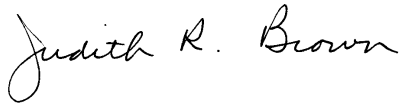
6. Approval of Minutes – October 8, 2019 – tabled until next meeting when more members are present.

7. Audience of Citizens –
Bill DeJonge was present.

8. Adjournment

Motion by Janecek, second by Meehan, to adjourn at 7:45 PM. Unanimously Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Judith R. Brown". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Respectfully submitted,".

Judith R. Brown, Recording Secretary