

## WILLIAMSTOWN PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING

MEETING HELD ON: October 12, 2022  
Minutes - - (DRAFT COPY)

PRESENT: David Traczyk, Susan Lyons, Horace Duke, Jasmin Couillard - - with Rich Turner, CH on speaker phone.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Town Office.

Motion made to accept the Minutes from August 10th as written made by Horace Duke, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Traczyk. Jasmin C. abstained – not at that meeting.

### New Business:

Horace D. I have something that I would like to bring up. When we did the last Town Plan it states our “Designated Downtown” area from Meadow Street to Spider Web Farm Road. The Agency of Commerce & Development are offering low interest loans to merchants and also Grants to up-grade down-town areas. Also, the Agency of Transportation has been giving out grants to towns. A sidewalk from the bottom of Construction Hill to Route 64, by the Library with crosswalks would be beneficial to our town. I would like to make a Motion to request grant monies from these two entities for a sidewalk. There is a 4 rod right-of-way and this could also be considered as a Safe Route to School. I feel that this is something that the town should do.

Motion 2<sup>nd</sup> by Susan L.

Comments: Jasmin C. - - A designated sidewalk would be very good.

Rich T. Dave can you up-date us on the culverts that you looked at.

Dave T. I looked at the list and stayed away from the Graniteville Rd. Also tried to look at the one on Bailey Rd – it’s difficult to get to the culvert and felt that this one would not consequential. With the drought conditions, no water flowing, most culverts are too small to make a difference. The Menard Crossing and South Hill culverts, I took pictures of and was able to stop and talk with Ben Covey. He was very happy that I stopped to ask his permission and went with me to look at the culvert. I explained about the Winooski Project. The one on So. Hill Rd has flooded 2 times in the past. The Town did put in another culvert on the north side further down to handle any overflow. Mr. Covey was reluctant to do anything without him being a part of any discussion. The culvert on the other side of the road - - we would have to talk with either the Bailey’s or the Chappelle’s.

Horace D. None of the culverts are in good shape on Menard & South Hill.

Rich T. Looks like only frogs or salamanders might be utilizing these culverts. Michele Braun gave the presentation – she might want to reach out to him.

Dave T. If she wants to reach out to him, it would be better to have her speak to him in person.

Discussion: The overflow culvert was put in in 2012. Rich will update with Michele. Question on the Menard Crossing culvert - - it is undermined on the outlet side. We would have to see this once water is going through it.

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**New Business:**

- Dave T. Would the Winooski project fund it all?
- Rich T. Michele indicated they would try and fund the whole amount – or other funds could be found, such as FEMA.

**Old/New Business:**

- Rich T. Okay - - Let’s work on the Budget for 2024.  
Discussion followed and changes made.  
Under Grant Match we added \$500.00 as Rich noted that Urban Community Tree Grants are available and they do either a 1-1 match or a 2-1 match.
- Horace D. I’ll make the Motion to accept the Budget for 2024 with changes to present to the Select Board.  
2<sup>nd</sup> by Jasmin C. Motion passed.
- Rich T. Any other Business to discuss? None - -
- Dave T. I will make the Motion to adjourn – 2<sup>nd</sup> by Horace D.  
Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Next Meeting is for: Wednesday Nov. 9, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.

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