

DOVER PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

February 7, 2011, Approved as Written, February 28, 2011

Chair Mark Sarro called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at the Dover Town House. Also present were Board members Jane Remsen, Charles Ognibene, Henry Faulkner, Consulting Planner Gino Carlucci, and Administrative Assistant Susan Hall.¹

1. PUBLIC HEARING, DEDHAM STREET SIDEWALK

Upon agreement of those present, the Chair dispensed with the reading of the legal notice. Present were many interested citizens. Chip Spalding gave an overview, commenting on the positive aspects of why this project would be an asset to the Town.

- It would create a link to the Town's Center
- It would create a safe passage for the young children in the area
- No trees would have to be disturbed
- No fences would have to be moved and relocated
- Majority of abutters are in favor (on the nonsidewalk side)

There were some citizens that suggested that the area should be looked at as a whole. This would include studying the possibility of a traffic light at the intersection of Dedham Street and Centre Street, the possibility of additional playing fields behind the tennis courts on Dedham Street, and the ongoing discussion about the raised crosswalks on Dedham Street as well as the sidewalk. A letter from the Acting Police Chief also stated that all these issues should be studied together, and then create a comprehensive report with the recommendations.

There was some discussion about locating the sidewalk directly abutting the street rather than a few feet away from the pavement. Superintendent of Streets Craig Hughes stated that there would be a curb that would protect pedestrians. He also noted that the sidewalk would be partially located on the street shoulder resulting in a somewhat narrower road width which would have the effect of slowing down traffic.

Chair Mark Sarro read a letter that was submitted to the Board from Citizen Barbara Roth-Schechter expressing her support of the proposed sidewalk.

The Board agreed to continue the hearing until February 28, 2011. Mr. Sarro stated that the Board will put together their recommendations and forward them on to the Board of Selectmen.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

¹ Board member Greg Sullivan was not present due to other commitments.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve the minutes, as amended, for December 6, 2010. The motion passed unanimously with three members voting. Board member Charles Ognibene did not vote because he was not present at the meeting.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board voted to approve the minutes, as amended, for January 10, 2011. The motion passed unanimously with three members voting. Board member Charles Ognibene did not vote because he was not present at the meeting.

3. MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- **The Board briefly discussed the Master Plan Survey that is in the preliminary stages.**
- **Mr. Carlucci reported and discussed with the Board the Comprehensive Land Reform and Partnership Act.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Susan Hall, Administrative Assistant