

**Joint Meeting
Town Working Group
& Village Working Group**
June 28, 2017 – 8:15 a.m.
344 VT15 West

Members Present: Susan Bartlett, Co-Chair; Tim Yarrow, Co-Chair (9:20 a.m.); Dan Young; Jim Fontaine; and Ken McPherson

Members Absent: Richard Grogan

Others Present: Ron Rodjenski, Town Administrator

1. Welcome & Agenda Changes: Susan opened the meeting at 8:35 a.m. No agenda changes.

2. Open Public Comments: No public comment received.

3. Discussion:

- Susan expressed her appreciation for the information at the recent Village water asset study.
- Ron presented a summary of existing and potential sidewalks with a planning cost total of \$6.5 million if everything was built new.
- Ron reported that the village stormwater study grant is approved and work should start soon. Ron will obtain copies of the Connectivity Study for group members.
- The temporary fixes to hazardous sections of sidewalks was discussed.
- The 2016 Connectivity Report was discussed which includes helpful information, capital investment options and maps. Susan noted that all the investment decisions are connected.
- Ron will provide paper copies of available information for Lanpher Memorial Library and public viewing.
- The long-term objectives for Village redevelopment may need more discussion – what do we want the town to look like in 50 years, what assets do we already have to support that objective, what needs to change to get there, and a direction would help prioritize funding choices – Gateway, art center, artists live, increased tourism and possible alternative location to Stowe. Should we organize a discussion on this topic. Ron suggested that Ken McPherson meet with Greg Paus to engage with the Town Planning Commission’s current work on the 2012 Municipal Plan rewrite.
- The village Gateway Commercial district was identified as a possible craft tourist area.
- Susan noted that some of the Village Trustees are unaware that this group was expanding its discussions into broader areas of development and streetscape improvements. The Selectboard expressed their desire to have a comprehensive recommendation for all capital improvements.
- Susan reported that she reviewed the two existing village traffic ordinance with two trustees. Town and village staff, with one or two elected officials, will begin working on development of a draft joint village traffic ordinance.
- Johnson St Extension is now a reduced scope for an intersection upgrade, however there is a stormwater issue that may need to be addressed before construction. Jim suggested that the stormwater issue needs to be resolved, combining efforts with the town highway. The improvements made should not increase the future capital improvement projects and the stormwater line in this area may need to have a camera sent down to see where it goes.

48 • The concept of “dig once” was discussed as the most cost-effective approach to capital
49 investments and is being encouraged by federal agencies. Setting priorities with strong
50 community support will tie in with grant cycles to determine how projects will be
51 accomplished.

52 4. Next Steps:

- 53 • Susan will follow up with Carol R. for water asset information to share with group in
54 July.
- 55 • Update from Kim Jensen on the Village Stormwater Master Plan, possibly at July
56 meeting.
- 57 • Traffic Ordinance Update Status
- 58 • How do we increase community involvement in this process; Ken will discuss with
59 Greg. Ken suggested inviting everyone in town, providing food and advertising often
60 to engage community members.

61 5. Review & Approve Minutes: Motion by Dan to approve the May 22, 2017 minutes, changing
62 “Jim” to “Dan” on line 52. Seconded by Susan. Voting: 4 in favor, 0 against, 1 abstention (Jim
63 was absent), motion passed.

64 6. Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 27, 2017 at 8:15 a.m. in the Community Meeting Room.

65 7. Adjourn: Motion by Jim to adjourn, seconded by Dan. Meeting Adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

66 Submitted by Ron Rodjenski