



Minutes

Kennebunk Lower Village Committee Meeting

Monday August 2, 2021 - 9:00AM - McNamera Park

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by Chair Betsy Smith

Retired Sargent Andy Belisle and Lieutenant Eric O'Brien attended. Sargent Belisle is back working for the Town on various administrative matters including looking into parking issues and possible ordinance updates to resolve those issues. He asked for our thoughts. Betsy pointed out that beach parking heading north on Beach Avenue along the Monastery property eliminates the shoulder there and sometimes puts bikes and cars on a collision course. Patti Sass Perry noted that the LV Committee might want to look into possibilities for remote parking and shuttles to alleviate the pressure on the beach neighborhood.

Betsy updated the Committee on developments pertaining to the two issues that were addressed at ad hoc zoom meetings in 2021. 1) The LED street light initiative championed by the Energy Efficiency Committee and fully supported by the Lower Village Committee has been side railed while the Town hires a consultant to study the broader question of what street lights the Town should have, what kind, how many, etc. 2) The contract zone proposal for 2-4 Doane's Wharf which was formally opposed by the LV Committee was rejected by the Planning Board. The property owner has since dropped his lawsuit against the Town and is believed to be looking into a change in zoning.

Other discussions:

Patti asked whether the Lower Village Master Plan was in the current budget. The answer is "no" except that there is approval to improve Western Avenue using matching State funds.

Betsy noted that signage in Lower Village seems to be multiplying and expanding and wondered whether it was all consistent with the Town ordinance. Wayne Berry noted that the Code Officers are busy with other matters.

Patti wondered whether the Sea Road School would be a good location for remote summer beach parking. Miriam Whitehouse suggested contacting RSU 21 to do some information gathering.

Betsy passed along that Landing residents and the Kennebunk Free Library are sponsoring a daffodil planting initiative all over Kennebunk and asked whether we wanted to participate. Wayne noted that maintenance, rights of way and other issues should be considered.

Patti asked where the "Go Slow" signs on Route 35 around the Landing came from. Lt. O'Brien said that they were a citizen initiative but that the Town has ordered two more radar speed signs.

The meeting was adjourned at around 9:30. Because of the Labor Day weekend, the next meeting will be on Monday, September 13 at 9:00 either at Washington Hose or McNamera Field.

Attendance:

Committee:

Betsy Smith – Chair

Miriam Whitehouse – Vice Chair

Nina Spencer

Rick Taranto

Pat Foley

Patti Sass Perry

Absent:

Theresa Willette

Laura Dolce

Frank Paul – Select Board Liaison

Sgt. Andy Belisle

Lt. Eric O'Brien

Wayne Berry