

**MAIN STREET ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
AUGUST 4, 2014**

Note: Minutes are not final until reviewed and approved by the Committee. Review and approval generally takes place at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee.

The Main Street Advisory Committee (MSAC) met on Monday, August 4, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at Whitcomb Hall. Members present: Lee Dunham, Nancy Carlson, Scott Self, Barbara Skuly, and Mike Gomarlo. Town Planner Sara Carbonneau and Rob Hitchcock from SVE Associates were also present.

Hitchcock was present to discuss the MSAC's July 1, 2013 report to the Board of Selectmen regarding desired changes/improvements to Main Street. Preliminary survey information was provided. Hitchcock noted that historical survey information (done by Samuel Wadsworth) was obtained at the Cheshire County Registry of Deeds. This information was supplemented by survey information from Russ Huntley (SVE Associates) and John Bridges (licensed land surveyor).

Hitchcock inquired about sewer and water lines. Self stated that copies of the plans are available for review at Town Hall (contact Sewer Commission Administrative Assistant Sandi Page). Hitchcock stated that communities are now leaning towards HDPE; he noted that HDPE uses the same fittings as ductile iron. With reference to fire protection, Committee members stated that they would like to reuse the existing fire hydrants, if possible; also informed Hitchcock that re-use of the pump house would likely not be feasible, as the intake is above the water level in the river. Ownership of the water line running to the Swanzy Township Housing project was discussed. Believed to be owned by STH. Carbonneau to check into this.

Hitchcock stated that the roadway and sidewalks are not able to become ADA compliant, as there is more than a 5 % slope already.

Gomarlo stated that the West Swanzy Sidewalk Committee has been setting aside funds to re-do the sidewalks along Main Street. Gomarlo also stated that the use of the Sidewalk Committee's funds are not limited strictly to actual sidewalk construction.

Landscaping was discussed. Hitchcock/Self (?) stated that there are a large amount of granite slabs on property owned by Swanzy Township Housing (part of an old mill foundation). Committee members stressed that landscaped buffers between the road and the sidewalk should be included whenever possible. It was also noted that green-space around the Fire Station should be included – this could also help with drainage issues in the area.

Dunham stated that it was the town's hope that construction on Main Street could take place during 2015 (depending upon funding sources). Gomarlo stated that it would be nice to have everything on Main Street done in time for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for Whitcomb Hall (2016).

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Submitted by,  
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