

MOTION:

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To recommend that the Farmington Village Center/Parson's Property Ad-Hoc Committee hold a public informational meeting on the Committee's phasing and design plan (phase 1) for replacement of sidewalks on Main Street/Route 10.

NOTE: In July of 2019, the Town Council approved the BSC Group's Streetscape Master Plan for the Village Center study area and established a working group to recommend strategies to the Town Council on the implementation of the plan. The working group recommended that Town staff design the plan, so that when funding was available the Town would be ready to go straight to the construction phase. The design was completed between July 2019 and January 2020.

In June 2020, the Town Council Strategic Plan included a goal to establish a Town Council ad-hoc committee to work with Town staff to make recommendations to the Town Council on the following:

- a. The future use of Parson's property
- b. The environmental liability associated with the ownership of the Parson's property
- c. The phasing portion of the BSC Streetscape Improvement Plan
- d. The selection of a preferred developer for the development of the Parson's property.

In July 2020 the Town Council appointment the Farmington Village Center/Parson's Property Ad-Hoc Committee. The Committee has met three times and is making the following recommendations on the phasing portion of the BSC Streetscape Improvement Plan:

Ad-Hoc Committee members will be available to answer any questions that the Town Council may have.

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The Farmington Village Center/Parson's Property Ad-Hoc Committee Recommendations – September 9, 2020

In July 2020 the Town Council appointed the Farmington Village Center/Parson's Property Ad-Hoc committee. The Committee has met three times and is making the following recommendations on the phasing portion of the BSC Streetscape Improvement Plan:

Recommendations for Phase 1:

Sidewalks:

1. Both sides of the sidewalk shall be replaced starting on Main Street from Route 4 to Tunxis Street.
2. The replacement sidewalk shall be concrete.
3. The replacement sidewalk shall meet ADA design standards.
4. Grass borders will be continued whenever possible. There will not be any brick borders.
5. Every attempt will be made to preserve the trees along Main Street.
6. Every attempt will be made to stay in the Town's right of way.

Crosswalks:

1. Crosswalks will be stamped brick with reflective white stripe and tactile warning signs.
2. Locations of the crosswalks:
Meadow Street, in front of the Firehouse, Tunxis Street, School Street, and Mountain Road.

Realignment of Colton Street and the enhancement/realignment of the existing pocket park:

1. The realignment of Colton Street will be done in conjunction with the sidewalk project. These funds will be from the Town's road reconstruction budget, not from any sidewalk grant or town sidewalk funds.
2. The existing pocket park will need to be realigned and enhanced.

New Sidewalk Construction:

1. If there are funds available, the committee would like to add a new sidewalk on the east side of Main Street from Tunxis Street to the Main Gate Subdivision.

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Funding:

To date the Town has received \$1,850,000 in grants. These grants include:

- \$1,000,000 from the State of Connecticut Department of Community and Economic Development
- \$475,000 in LOCIP funding (Local Capital Improvement Program)
- \$375,000 transferred from the Connecticut Connectivity Grant

In the Capital Budget for FY 20-21 the Town Council allocated \$150,000 for the Farmington Village Center Streetscape Master Plan. Therefore, a total of \$2,000,000 is available for the project.

The total cost of the sidewalk replacement project is unknown until we go out to bid. However, we are hopeful that the \$2,000,000 will enable the Town to implement the Phase 1 recommendations.

Recommended Next Steps:

Public Informational Neighborhood Meeting - September/ October 2020

Bid for Construction – Winter 2020/2021

Phase 1 Construction – Spring/Summer 2021

The Committee is making these recommendations based on the BSC Report and the following considerations:

- 1) Due to the current condition of the existing sidewalks, the ad-hoc committee is recommending that the majority of funding available be used to replace as much of the existing sidewalks as possible.
- 2) The Committee is recommending that new sidewalks, lighting, and enhancements that are included in the BSC report be included in Phase 2.
- 3) The project area currently has street lighting, and additional decorative lighting was included in the BSC report. The Committee is recommending that decorative solar lighting be included in Phase 2 of the project. Solar lighting does not require conduits to be installed in Phase 1.