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Town of Kent Streetscape Building Sub-Committee

Special Meeting at Town Hall

Friday August 12, 2022

12:00 P.M.

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Gawel at 12:15 PM.

Members in attendance: Mike Gawel, Jack Nelson, Rick Osborne, John Johnson.

Also in attendance: Jean Speck, Joyce Kearns, Justin Money, Mike Doherty of SLR Consulting.

Discussion and possible action regarding the Streetscape project

Mr. Gawel, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Money expressed concern about several issues with the construction of sidewalks to date (south side of Bridge Street):

1. Was SLR's inspection engineer present during the work that had been done?
2. Voids of up to 2-3 inches were observed under curbing that had been placed.
3. Concrete reinforcement (blobs) of concrete at joints of curbing only, rather than wrapping the curbing in a bed of concrete that would then "cradle" the curbing.
4. Compaction of material both under curbing and the backfill material behind the curbing- was it compacted in lifts or as one full layer of backfill?
5. Mr. Gawel expressed concern that the width of curbing was not consistent at joints.

Mr. Doherty said that the work had progressed faster than expected (faster than they had been informed), so SLR's inspector had not been present for most of the work so far. SLR had only expected demolition work to be done so far.

Mr. Doherty said that compaction testing could be done on the backfill material currently in place.

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Mr. Doherty said that CT DOT accepts the concrete reinforcement of curbing at the joints only. He also said that the original plans had called for concrete in front and back of the curbing, but not as a cradle under the curbing, but that the specs had been changed for bidding. He said that he would expect that fully cradling the concrete would cost more, and that he could write specifications and request a change order from Mather Corporation to fully cradle the curbing in concrete (front, back, and 3-1/2" underneath). Mr. Gawel, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Money all expressed the opinion that fully bedding the curbing in concrete might require more material (concrete) but that it would actually save labor during the installation.

Mr. Gawel moved that the Committee recommend to the Board of Selectmen that they request a change order be issued by SLR Consulting requiring the curbing to be fully cradled in concrete, as discussed at this meeting.

Mr. Johnson seconded.

The motion was passed unanimously.

Ms. Speck gave Mr. Doherty verbal permission to begin drafting the change order.

Next Step

Mr. Gawel will take the Committee's recommendations to the Board of Selectmen's meeting next Thursday.

Next meeting date and time

No additional meeting was scheduled at this time.

Adjournment

Mr. Gawel adjourned the meeting. at 1:00.

Submitted by John Johnson, Secretary

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