

Town of Kennebunk Lower Village Committee Meeting  
Monday, January 9, 2017  
Washington Hose, Port Road

While waiting for people to arrive, there was an informal discussion about parking on Port Road, i.e. that the lines to indicate parking were far too narrow, with the result that the parked cars extend well into the indicated travel lanes. But it was not clear that if the parking lanes are made wider, that the travel lanes would be within State requirements. A typical road width is 11 feet and a parking space requires 7-8 feet. Eric Labelle is going to follow up by taking measurements to ascertain whether striping can be changed to allow for 9 feet wide parking on both sides and still allow room for two travel lanes.

The meeting was called to order a few minutes after 8:00.

The minutes from December, 2016 were approved.

We welcomed Mike Pardue, the new Interim Town Manager. He will be in his position for 18 months until the town can find a permanent replacement. He welcomed the LV Committee to be in touch with him as needed.

Sgt. Andy Belisle noted that the Lanigan Bridge construction has begun and is down to one lane with a traffic controlled light. Laura Dolce added that full closure will include a foot bridge and the target date for that is 2/1/17. The hope is that it will be a 30-day closure. Target completion is May.

The Chamber will be planning a Job Fair, details to follow.

Following up on last month's discussion about a lack of public restroom signage, Laura and Betsy will work on getting signs installed on the Chamber Kiosk and at the Grand Hotel. They will talk to the owners of the Grand and Biddeford Savings (who owns the Chamber Kiosk). Mat Eddy and Paul Demers indicated that the Town will upgrade the Western Avenue sign to include the Grand as the Restroom destination rather than just the current arrow.

Laura and Mat described the Roger Brooks Video series: "How to make a better town/village" There are (3) 1 hour videos. They will be investigating dates to show the videos for the Town Committees, details to follow. The possible location is the Kennebunk Savings Auditorium.

Theresa Willette mentioned that plans to upgrade the landscaping around the Big Apple are on hold for the time being.

There was a discussion about snow removal from Lower Village and Beach sidewalks post the recent snow storms. Eric discussed a few issues - the town was down to one sidewalk clearing machine (the machines are very expensive and tend

to break down a lot) and the sidewalks cannot be cleared until all the roads are plowed. There were also some challenging issues regarding the timing of the storms (New Year's weekend). There are about 40 miles of sidewalks to be plowed in Kennebunk. The highest priority sidewalks are those used by children who walk to school.

Laura reported that annual strategic planning for the Chamber will be in January. The Paint the Town Red Events will take place in February. It is being handled by the Chamber this year. Their website is [www.lovethekennebunks.com](http://www.lovethekennebunks.com) This event is for both locals and tourists. A Kickoff reception is planned for 1/28/17 at David's KPT.

The Launch event, hosted by the Chamber, is planned for Father's Day weekend in June.

The Committee welcomed Alice Eagleson from River Tree Center of the Arts. She is on the Board and will be liaison to the LV Committee and will attend our meetings.

Chris Osterrieder had prepared a memorandum discussing the challenges of implementing the Committee's plan for 3-5 totem pole signs around Lower Village. Chris and Paul Demers had researched the question of whether we could put them in the public right of way. Based on DOT restrictions, the answer is "no". A discussion ensued about (even if locations were planned on private property), who would have the ultimate oversight on size, colors, design, installation, maintenance, removal (if a business had closed) etc. There was also a question of potential liability and the "buy-in" from the property owners where the signs would be installed. The consensus was to table the project due to lack of agreement on these issues, with the possibility that the idea might be revisited as a part of the larger Lower Village infrastructure upgrade and redesign scheduled for 2019.

The addition of several benches and replacement of others will be discussed at the February meeting. Nina Spencer and Laura Dolce will review the previous memo on this topic from members of the Committee as well as the memorandum from Mat Eddy and Chris Osterrieder and make final recommendations to the full Committee. Benches have been included in the spending proposals for LV TIF funds and there is also the possibility of business sponsorship.

The Design Standards sub-committee will meet Friday, January 13 at 3pm. The plan is to take the Route 1 North standards and re-work them to fit the needs of Lower Village.

The town has sent out requests for proposals for two studies: One to better manage Beach Parking in the neighborhoods around the beach and a second to study the infrastructure and design ideas for a major Lower Village upgrade in 2019. One or two members of the Lower Village Committee will be on the selection team once the proposals come in.

Shortly after 9:00, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was seconded.  
The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2017 at 8am at Washington  
Hose.

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members**

Betsy Smith - Chair  
Wendy Ross - Secretary  
Greg Burke – Vice-chair  
Theresa Willette  
Nina Spencer  
Laura Dolce

**Other Guests**

Michael Pardue, KBK Town Manager  
Paul Demers, KBK Code Enforcement  
Mathew Eddy, KBK Economic Development Committee  
Sgt. Andy Belisle, KBK Police Department  
Alice Eagleson, River Tree Center for the Arts  
Erik Labelle, KBK Public Works  
Chuck Reid  
Chris Deliee  
Leila Jahncke  
Rick Taranto  
Edie Lamberts