

**Norwell Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
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Present: Gregg McBride, Ellen Allen, Alison Demong, Town Administrator Peter Morin, and Ziad Kary of Environmental Partners, the Town's engineer for the Main St. Road project.

The purpose of the meeting was discuss possible options for having a sidewalk along Main St. despite the inability to use CPA funds. The group discussed whether/how it might be possible to do the project piecemeal in order to spread out the cost. The consensus strategy was to do all the granite curbing along with the road paving this spring/summer, to reduce costs by holding off on putting traffic signals at the intersection of South and Main, and to add to the \$3.3 million bond appropriation with Chapter 90 funds. The sidewalk from South St. to the Hanover line is already part of the project. With the granite curb installed together with the road work along the rest of Main St., the additional sidewalk from South St. to Town Center could be done over time as funds are available. The group also asked that EPG examine the possibility and cost of having a grass strip between the curb and the sidewalk within the road layout.

Kary agreed to update the cost estimate for this approach based on the new consortium prices.

Nancy Hemingway, Conservation Agent, was present for part of the meeting to discuss the status of getting the road project approved by the Conservation Commission. She explained that the Commission may want an additional peer review. She also said that not all the matters requested by Chessia Consulting had been satisfied. Allen expressed her frustration with the amount of time and continual addition of requirements needed to get the Commission to approve this project. Hemingway and Kary agreed to set up a meeting with Chessia the following week to try to have everything resolved before the next scheduled hearing at the Commission meeting on February 16th.

Approved:

Ellen H. Allen