DEPT./BOARD:  Sidewalk Committee

DATE:  December 27th 2018

TIME:  4:00 PM

PLACE:  Town Hall, Main Hearing Room,

AGENDA

Discussion with Kristin Kassner related to her experiences related to sidewalks on the Masterplan Steering Committee.
MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: Adam Senesi, Steve Morin and Chris Warren (SSC Committee members) and guest Kristin Kassner, Burlington Planning Department Director.

- Ms. Kassner provided committee members with a map of the Town of Burlington that shows where current sidewalks are located.

Per Kassner, new residential subdivisions that come before the Planning Board are required to build sidewalks both sides of the street; many developers negotiate to have sidewalks on one side of street and mitigate lack of sidewalk in another area of Burlington.

Kassner stated overall Planning goals:

1. Every major thoroughfare in Burlington should have sidewalks on both sides of the street
2. Continue to make sidewalk connections where there are some sidewalks but not continuous
3. Continue to protect and preserve individual residential neighborhoods
4. There should be sidewalks located around places large number of people congregate: such as schools, parks, shopping centers, town center, etc.
5. Accept new piecemeal sidewalks that can be connected to other sidewalks in the future

The committee members and Kassner discussed roads that do not have sidewalks that have been brought up by residents and or at Planning Board or Master Planning Committee meetings

Blanchard Road, Mueller Road, 
Locust Street, Mountain Road 
Sandy Brook Road, Stony Brook Road 
Westwood, Mill Street
Also discussed, intersections with problems: Hart and Mill; Memorial and Marshall Simonds schools, Middlesex and Mall Road

Also discussed Fox Hill School safety audit; sidewalks in place are same color as road and needs visual delineation to further traffic calming measures

Kassner was asked about funding sources that have been used by Burlington

1. Massworks: $1 to $5 million grant; must be tied to economic development (such as Millipore site) and 25% of design must be presented in application
2. Transportation Improvement Project: smaller grants to fund areas that need improvement as determined by a safety audit
3. Complete Streets: up to $400,000 per year
4. Safe Routes to Schools: School Committee member to meet with BPS Administration to discuss in early 2019

Kassner also stressed the importance of private-public partnerships and negotiating for easements. Easier to negotiate when a project is on the table.

The committee members thanked Kassner for sharing her extensive knowledge.