DEPT./BOARD: Sidewalk Study Committee

DATE: 4/8/19

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

PLACE: Town Hall Annex, Basement Meeting Room

Agenda:

1. Public Participation
2. Survey Results Discussion
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Adjournment
In attendance: Chairman Steve Morin, Sean Connors, Millie Nash, Adam Senesi, Chris Warren

The sidewalk reviewed the updated (to 150 responses, with two from the library added)—and discussed the format for our May Town Meeting presentation, including a red-line map indicating sidewalk-less streets; a heat map indicating areas with severe needs, as indicated by survey responses; perhaps a pie-chart breaking down the categories of concern reflected in those responses; and ideas produced by the survey and the committee.

These include:

--Possibly moving utility poles embedded in sidewalks (as 5G technology devices become feasible)

--Lowering speed limits to 25 mph (as other towns are doing)

--Creating more one-way streets

--Creating a possible standing committee for sidewalks

--Creating a possible power-line pathway parallel to Locust

--Possibly fixing a deteriorated section of Francis Wyman Rd. near Cambridge St.

--Adding a modest annual budget item for sidewalk fixes, particularly in critical places such as near parks and elementary schools

--Using some of the Marshall Simonds funds for sidewalks

We also need to come up with some recommendations resulting from our studies.

Our next meeting: April 22, 2019—place to be announced. (May 6 will be our last meeting before Town Meeting begins.)