

TOWN OF WINDERMERE

Public Workshop Minutes

December 6, 2022

CALL TO ORDER:

Present were Mayor Jim O'Brien, Council Members Andy Williams, Bill Martini, Mandy David, Tony Davit, and Molly Rose. Also present was Town Manager Robert Smith, Public Works Director Tonya Elliott-Moore, and Mr. John Fitzgibbon.

Manager Smith called the workshop to order at 6:00pm.

1. WORKSHOP CALLED TO ORDER

2. PRESENTATION

a. Map of Proposed Work

Manager Smith gave a review of the proposed project for 5th Avenue and Forest Street paving. He commented on the need for the paving for the traffic (safety), parking, handicap parking, and accessibility of the new pavilion. Manager Smith commented on the negative impact of using bricks. He then stated that at the Town Council's direction, the Public Works session has been called. Manager Smith explained the proposed project as paving 5th Avenue to Forest Street, adding an apron into the public parking, as well as paving the dirt area on the south side and add a few handicapped parking spaces.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT/DISCUSSION

Manager Smith opened the floor to the public. Mr. Bob McKinley questioned if option A and B were included in the total amount. Manager Smith stated yes. Mr. McKinley stated he's in favor of the project. He then stated that in speaking with others, 5th Avenue needs to be blocked off at Forest Street. Manager Smith replied to Mr. Withers in the chat that a bond would be required. Mrs. Theresa Schretzman-Myers of 2713 Tryon Place stated she is not in favor of this project due to the impacts on the environment and trees. She stated that there are better solutions, decomposed granite for one. Mrs. Brandi Haines stated she agrees with Mrs. Schretzman-Myers regarding the trees and environment. She then commented on handicapped parking and the existing location that could be used for handicapped parking. Mrs. Haines commented on existing parking. Discussion followed. Mr. Tom Stroup commented on a concern of paving the road and creating more traffic flow because of the paving. He also commented that he is in favor of blocking off 5th Avenue. Mr. Stroup questioned the use of brick. Manager Smith stated that brick is maintenance and cost concern. He then stated that residents are in favor the dirt roads and bricking. Mr. Stroup stated he agrees with comments made by Mrs. Haines. He then questioned if the Town was under any ADA violations. Manager Smith stated currently no but building the pavilion could change the requirement. Mr. Stroup commented on concerns with the ripple effect of paving. He then thanked all for the open forum. Discussion followed. Mr. Jason Roland stated he would like the road to be bricked. He then commented that other projects needed to be completed before taking on others. Manager Smith stated that this project is self-funded which is much easier than through grants/other funding sources and requirements. Mr. Roland stated that the expense should not be on the residents. He then questioned if a golf cart parking zone could be established. Manager Smith commented on parking. Mrs. Angela Withers stated that she agrees with Mr. Stroup's comments. She then stated that consistency of maintaining the Town's charm. Mrs. Withers questioned if the paving should wait until the pavilion is being constructed. She then commented on the advantage of closing off 5th Avenue at Forest Street. Mrs. Withers thanked all for this forum. Manager Smith commented on the forty-five percent pavilion plans that will go before the Town Council. Mr. John Spears commented on water flow if paved. He stated that there is currently an issue stormwater on his road and is concerned with paving. Mr. Spears questioned what stormwater will be put in place. He then commented on parking concerns with golf carts and handicapped parking. Mr. Spears stated he agrees with previous conversation regarding tree protect and protecting the lakes. Ms. Debra Neil stated that if it needs to be paved it needs to be permeable, brick should be used. She then stated that closing off 5th Avenue is a good idea. Mrs. Schretzman-Myers

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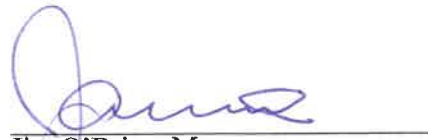
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commented on the impact to the trees and their roots. She also commented on handicap parking space in the library parking lot that are accessible but not being discussed. Manager Smith stated that a certified arborist will be involved with any Town projects. Mrs. Haines commented on handicap parking, blocking off the road, and stormwater runoff. Mr. Roland stated that he's in favor of blocking off the road. He then commented on water run-off, parking and redesigning the parking and protecting the residential area. Discussion followed regarding trees, tree protection and construction. Manager Smith thanked all for their participation.

4. ADJOURN:

Manager Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:03pm


Dorothy Burkhalter, MMC, FCRM
Town Clerk


Jim O'Brien, Mayor

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00:35:41 StephenWithers: when the pavilion is under construction there will be heavy traffic =. The contractor should put up a bond to repair any paving damaged.

00:50:12 StephenWithers: Part of the problem with our bricks is that the underlayment was value engineered out. Any new brick needs to be engineered and there needs to be a proper sub strait. This will add cost but will be worth the cost

00:54:16 StephenWithers: Any paving will need to address rain water run off and collection.

01:09:08 StephenWithers: The church uses the parking lot. Could they contribute to the paving as they do not pay property taxes.

01:19:37 Theresa Schretzmann-Myers: Any construction using non-permeable surface whether it is brick or asphalt will impact the critical root zones of the trees. Please see dnrtreelink.wordpress.com

01:25:00 Jason: <https://www.beldenbrick.com/brick/pavers/permeable-pavers>

01:25:20 Theresa Schretzmann-Myers: Asphalt stormwater run-off pollutants from non-permeable paved surfaces would include heavy metals, bacteria, chlorophenols, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and (VOCs) volatile organic compounds that would run into the Butler Chain of Lakes. Please leave the permeable dirt roads or pave with Decomposed Granite which is ADA accessible and would not impact the critical root zones of the trees.

01:26:30 tom stroup: Thank You

01:26:44 Theresa Schretzmann-Myers: Critical roots zones of trees go 2-3 the distance of the dripline. Please keep that in mind with any construction.

01:27:01 Jim OBrien: Thanks to everyone for all the input and suggestions.

01:27:04 tom stroup: Thank you and Merry Christmas, everyone

01:27:04 Angela Withers: Thank you!

01:27:11 Jason: Merry Christmas all!