

**Georgia Selectboard Special Meeting**  
**Chris Letourneau Meeting Room**  
**Monday, December 2, 2019**  
**6:00 pm**

**Approved:**      **Approved**

**Present:**      Selectboard: Matt Crawford, Steve Lamos, Jason Burt, Scott St. Onge. Town Administrator/Treasurer: Amber Baker. Selectboard Clerk: Samuel Gould; Suzanna Brown, Planning Commission.

**Absent:**          Tara Wright

**Public Present:** None

Matt Opened the special selectboard meeting at 6: p.m. to talk about the current town sidewalk ordinance and plan so the planning commission has the guidance the asked for as they are currently rewriting their regulations. He then asked Suzanna to tell the board what exactly they are looking for.

Suzanna talked about her list of questions, which roads should have sidewalks, one or both sides, in the right of way or on private property, how wide they should be and who maintains them.

Discussion followed on; what are other town ordinances and plans like, do they place the burden on the tax rolls and what is the affect, Are we looking at just South Village or other areas and if so which ones, what currently exists and how do we link what we have, who currently maintains what exists and what is not currently maintained, VTRANS requirements and setting priorities to linking what we have.

Currently planning asks new construction plans to include sidewalks but is looking to make them requirements in certain areas with the new regulations.

Discussion followed on; populated areas versus unpopulated areas, dirt roads and the South Village plan. The selectboard supports the current sidewalk plan for the South Village.

Further discussion followed on; sidewalks that go nowhere and the fact that the state does not want any crosswalks on RT 7 unless the town takes over the road which is not feasible for the town at this time.

The board discussed that having the town hold escrow funds for the builders is not a good plan. It will have to be done in a different way.

More discussion followed on; how do we fund this, the \$4,675 that is available from Rays and what grants maybe available to the town which Amber will work on and once again how will and who will maintain the sidewalks. Currently the onus is on the land owner.

The board then discussed the current town sidewalk ordinance and it was determined that it is still current and now needs to be re-dated as of December 21, 2019 and Suzanna said that she believes planning has all it needs to complete their new regulations. They will state that sidewalks in the South Village and in AR-3 are required for all new construction and optional throughout the rest of the town.

The selectboard is not looking to ask the taxpayers for any funding for sidewalks at this time and

planning will present their sidewalk plans when they resent their new regulations to the public.

Some discussion ensued on future growth

Special meeting ended at 8:00 p.m.