

Board of Aldermen Committee Minutes

Date: 2/11/15 Chair: Norris Convened: 6 AM Adjourned: 6:45 AM

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| | <input type="checkbox"/> | Melinda Humphrey | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Matt Bloomer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Other <u>Gregory Decker CPA</u> |
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Motions/Discussion Downtown Transportation Grant -

DPW request for streetscape improvements along parts of Merchants Row and Strong Ave.

Improve the safety, functionality and aesthetics in the gateway.

Reverse 100,000 dollars from downtown transportation grant

Final study to be completed in March for this gateway.

Phase I - Scale Ave, Beaver St - Created pedestrian crossings

2 bump outs within designated downtown also created.

175,000 dollars for Kensington Ave side walls - returned to City by State - now in Reserve fund - would like to reinvest this money in this project.

Green Space - West Side Strong Ave - All City ROW

Designated Parking - by Hills

Bump out - Pedestrian Crossings at Hills and Scale Ave

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Motions/Discussion

Ave Crosswalk - Carbery would come out further into road to protect pedestrians and slow traffic sidewalk installation - along west side of street these improve ments will only go as far as scale Ave from Queer street.

Bump out in front of Pelms

Bump out along Merchants Row - little North of the Center Street Alley. - Proposed budget approx 300,000.00

motion - 275,000. Available
25,000.00 Richard Bloom

Approve the expenditure of 175,000.00 from the allocated Reserve to support the downtown-gate way project

Circulate resolution for signature

James Chan



MEMO

To: Community Development Committee

From: Jeff Wennberg, Commissioner of Public Works

Date: 02-10-15

Re: Strongs Avenue Project

I apologize for not being able to attend your meeting on this project, and hope this memo helps explain the origin of the proposed \$175,000 of matching City funds for this project.

The City sought and received a state grant in the amount of \$175,000 to fund the sidewalk and road improvements associated with the Killington Avenue project. The grant required the City to expend the funds and then seek reimbursement, so the sidewalk and road work was paid out of the DPW annual appropriations for these items. Once the project was completed and the bills paid, the grant reimbursed the City in the full amount of \$175,000.

However, the grant funds were received in FY 2015, and the budgets from which the Killington Ave bills were paid were in the two previous fiscal years. As a result the grant reimbursement could not refund these DPW budget lines and allow increased expenditures for City paving and sidewalks in the years in which Killington Ave was reconstructed. Instead, the grant funds were placed in the City's "allocated reserve," and have not been budgeted for use.

It was the intent of the grant to fund street and sidewalk improvements, and it remains the intent of the department and the Mayor that these funds be used for this purpose. The Strongs Avenue project, which was identified in the 1989 "On the Right Track" report and developed by the Downtown Gateway study commissioned by the RRA, has been identified as an excellent use of these funds, especially if they can leverage an additional \$100,000 in new grant funds.

The Board of Aldermen have not previously approved the use of these funds (they had not been received when the FY15 budget was proposed and approved). In order for the Strongs Avenue project to be funded in this way the Board must approve the expenditure of \$175,000 from allocated reserve for this purpose.

CITY OF RUTLAND VERMONT

Downtown Transportation and Related Capital Improvement Fund
Application from the
City of Rutland
Downtown Gateway Improvements
Through
The Vermont Downtown Development Act
(24 VSA Chapter 76A)

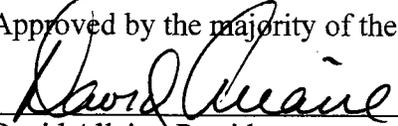
The City of Rutland is pleased to submit an application for a grant to fund Downtown and Gateway Improvements including pedestrian and streetscape enhancements for better access and safety into our downtown and within the downtown. Building on the work conducted in Municipal Planning Grant-2014-00019 the City wishes to improve access along a heavily trafficked gateway into the downtown and better connect the downtown to a major employment center in the Howe Center complex. The City also wishes to improve pedestrian safety by creating attractive pedestrian crossings at strategic locations within the downtown and along the Strongs Avenue gateway.

The members of the Board of Aldermen support investment in pedestrian and streetscape improvements and recognize their importance to the vitality, safety and economic climate in the downtown business district. The Aldermen hereby designate Barbara Spaulding of the Rutland Redevelopment Authority to act as the City's primary contact person. All correspondence may be addressed to her at:

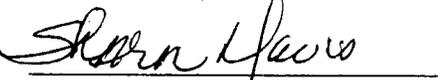
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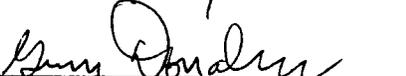
Approved by the majority of the Board of Aldermen on February 17, 2015.


David Allaire, President

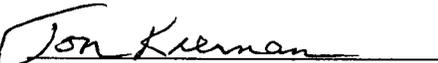

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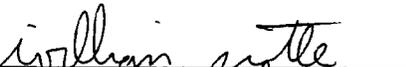

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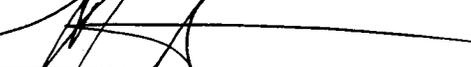

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