

**PUBLIC HEARING  
VILLAGE SIDEWALKS  
May 17, 2016**

The public hearing to discuss the repair or replacement of sidewalks in the village took place at 7pm. Seven residents attended.

The Selectmen said this hearing is to receive comments and suggestions about how to deal with the sidewalks that are in a state of disrepair. This is not an emergency situation, but the Town has an obligation to maintain or remove them. Ultimately, the matter will go to Town Meeting due to the cost of either option.

Many questions and concerns arose. Of primary concern was the cost. The cost to replace them would be around \$100,000. To rip them out and replace with grass would be around \$60,000.

Some suggested just leaving the sidewalks around the school on Crescent St. Others questioned if there is any reason to do this as the sidewalks do not go all around the village.

One resident said they are historic and would like them to remain as is. He did offer to remove them himself as he has some equipment that could be used should that option be considered. Another questioned if there could there be some community involvement to reduce the cost. One asked if there any grants available for this purpose.

Concern was also expressed about the possibility of having to buy special equipment to plow the sidewalks.

Several residents also complained about the trees that have been removed and asked why new ones were not planted.

The hearing adjourned at 7:40pm.

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Tom Seymour

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Bob Dupuis

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Mike Brady