

VTA CHURCH STREET REVIEW COMMITTEE  
TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 20, 2020  
AND  
CONTINUED ON OCTOBER 23, 2020

Alan Strahler, the chair of the committee, opened the meeting at 3:03 PM.

The following members of the committee were present on zoom:

Keith Chatinover  
Julia Livingston  
Mark Snider  
Alan Strahler  
Bill Venno  
Doris Ward

The first order of business was public comment. Brian Dowd of the MV Times was in attendance on zoom and said he had no comments. No new written public comment had been submitted.

The next order of business was a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was unanimously approved in a roll call vote.

Angie Gompert (non-voting member) joined the meeting at this point.

The next order of business was a discussion of the current draft of the committee's report. Alan shared a copy of the current draft on zoom, and various specific comments were made about specific wording in specific sections of the draft report. Julia undertook to make changes based on the discussion.

The next order of business was whether the report should take the form of a booklet, where there would be left and right pages when the booklet was opened, or whether we should assume it would mostly be opened on computers, with the pages following each other vertically. It was decided that the latter approach was probably the better choice. Next we discussed whether there should be a table of contents and, if so, where it should appear. A decision was made that it should be immediately before the section entitled BACKGROUND. A decision was made to include two appendices, one with a bus schedule and the other with photographs of the three trees proposed to be removed.

Next there was a discussion about how our presentation to the Board of Selectmen should be organized. Mark confirmed that he will be the Master of Ceremonies and said he expects to summarize the material on the first page of the report, but he would like others to speak. There was widespread agreement that it would be very helpful if Doris (who lives on Church Street

immediately across the street from the Visitor Center) were to speak about the trees, the general appearance of the area in front of the Visitor Center, and the diesel fumes and noise.

At 4:58 PM, the zoom meeting was recessed because someone else had reserved the zoom account for another meeting and our access to the zoom account was terminated electronically.

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At 12:07 PM on October 23, 2020, the meeting resumed with the following committee members on zoom:

- Julia Livingston
- Mark Snider
- Alan Strahler
- Doris Ward

No members of the public were in attendance on zoom, and no new written public comment had been submitted.

The first order of business was a discussion of the likely presentation by this committee of its report to the Board of Selectmen at their meeting on November 9 at 4:00 PM. Mark said that he plans to describe the work of the committee and focus primarily on the first page of the report. Doris said she plans to say she has lived on Church Street for 40 years and is excited about the planned improvements and going back to a quieter Church Street.

The next order of business was a discussion of some proposed language changes in the draft report. Alan and Julia were authorized to make final language changes.

At 12:28 PM, there was a motion to adjourn, a second, and a unanimous roll call vote of the members in attendance.

Materials presented at the above meeting:  
October 20 draft report