

# Walkable Downtown Committee Meeting, via ZOOM

## April 28, 2026

### Attendees:

Steve Powers  
Tony Murad  
Tara Jacobsen  
Nancy Eos  
Don Adams  
Jared Anderson

### Discussion:

- The meeting began at approximately 6:35 PM.
- Jared introduced new committee members – Tara and Nancy!
- To bring Tara and Nancy up to speed, Jared spent some time reviewing the project history, scope, and progress to date, closely following the minutes of the March 2026 meeting.
- Tara noted her desire to join the committee was based on her support of walkability, accessibility and community identity coming from living in a city environment.
- Nancy noted she wanted to help and wants to contribute to the Town's efforts.
- RRFB's were discussed related to the mid-block crossings. They were not part of the preliminary estimate, but their cost would be covered in the contingency, particularly in the new TAP project. They are typically \$20,000-\$30,000 per unit, and certain pedestrian volume thresholds are utilized by NYSDOT to justify their installation. This can become part of future committee discussions. Steve noted he favored their installation and pointed out their effectiveness in nearby Hancock, MA.
- Pedestrian refuge islands in the center turn lane were requested for the mid-block crossings at the time of project kick-off with NYSDOT.
- It was reiterated that the plan in lieu of not receiving TAP funding this round is to use concrete for the sidewalks but minimize movement of the curbing toward the center of the road. The sacrifice to be able to afford concrete vs stone dust is leaving as much curb where it is, thereby minimizing the need to construct new curbs and modify the drainage system. By not moving the curbs, shoulder widths may become inconsistent to ensure the proposed work fits in the State right-of-way.
- It was also discussed that in the event of a TAP award, the Town's application stated that the funding match would not exceed \$500,000 in anticipation of DOT contributing funding toward the project.
- To expand the project length for environmental and historic/cultural studies in anticipation of receiving a TAP award in the Fall, and minimizing rework, NYSDOT requested a scope change letter requesting extension of the project to Shatford Park. This will allow NYSDOT to study the anticipated future, longer project now.
- DOT also requested typical sections, mid-block crossing locations and accompanying sight distances, and concept level plans so they may begin internal discussions on reducing lane widths to 11' and the proposed mid-block crossing locations.
- The DOT deliverables should be ready for mid-May.
- The next meeting date of May 26 will be held for the time being.
- The meeting concluded at approximately 7:25 PM.