

## RTM PUBLIC WORKS & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

**DATE;** PW & Finance – Thursday, February 18, 2021

**TIME;** 6:00/7:30 PM meeting scheduled start on Zoom

**PURPOSE;** Review requested expenditures by Public Works Department for costs related to maintenance and replacement of sidewalks in the existing network.

**PRESENTED BY;** Peter Ratkiewich, Public Works Department

1. The Public Works Department is requesting an expenditure of \$350,000 with bond and note authorization for maintenance and replacement of sidewalks within the existing Town network of sidewalks. This appropriation occurs every two years as a bi-annual program to maintain our existing sidewalks. The town currently has 23.4 miles of sidewalk. This project will replace approximately 7,200 linear feet of sidewalk from Cross highway to Coleytown Elementary along North Avenue. These are not new sidewalks. The work will be completed over the next two Summers. There are currently 6.3 miles of sidewalks scheduled for replacement within the network. These are previously funded projects, some through State and LOTSIP Grants. The Committees discussed the type of sidewalks to be installed (asphalt) as well as possibly including this bi-annual funding for sidewalk maintenance in the Public Works budget going forward (which will be followed up with to the BOF) as we currently do for Road Paving and the possibility of creating a sidewalk policy and an overall Town wide plan for new sidewalks. Both committees voted to recommend approval to the full RTM.

In attendance;

PW Comm - Jay Keenan (chair/reporter), Lou Mall, Chris Tait, Andrew Colabella, Jack Klinge, Cathy Talmadge (both comm's), Peter Gold, Dick Lowenstein

Finance Comm –Jeff Wieser (chair), Lauren Soloff, Christine Meiers Schatz, Richard Jaffe, Seth Braunstein, Stephen Shackelford