

## Southington Ordinance Review Committee

Date: March 14, 2013

Attending: Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, Chris Palmieri, Al Natelli, Cheryl Lounsbury, Jim Grappone , Engineering, Fred Cox, BOE

### Minutes

#### March 14, 2013 Meeting

1. Chair began the meeting by informing the public that the purpose of Public Hearings was to hear new or conflicting information to that brought before the council. Several members of the public spoke at the last public hearing with information of which the council was not aware. The purposed of this Ordinance Meeting is to further understand additional and/or conflicting information and to propose a solution to present to the council
2. Fred Cox from the BOE reviewed the list of 12 sidewalks being considered for abandonment as school access walks. He stated that the town usually follows the state guidelines allowing students to walk to school. However if traffic is heaving or crossings dangerous, the town may utilize buses for student transportation.
3. Jim Grappone, from the town's engineering department reported that the cost of replacing damaged sidewalks is approximately \$40 per linear foot.
4. The floor was then opened for public comments:
  - a. Several citizens stated that their age would prohibit them from shoveling the sidewalk should the school access designation be removed
  - b. Several citizens on Frost and Norton Streets stated and showed pictures of their sidewalks which are in need of significant repair. They asked if the town would assume the repair should the walks be removed from the school access designation
  - c. Several citizens said that their sidewalks have deteriorated to the point that significant water gathers and freezes in the winter, making walking on these sidewalks dangerous
  - d. Patricia Hackett questioned whether the state statue regarding sidewalks supersedes the town ordinance
5. The chair said that several members of the Ordinance Committee had to leave at 5:30 and therefore, no action would be done this evening. The Chair will discuss some of these concerns with the Town Manager, BOE and Town Attorney and will report their responses at the next meeting.
6. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.
7. Future meetings will be set once all needed information is gathered.