

**PROCEEDINGS OF AN ON-SITE WORKSHOP
OF THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

October 24, 2024, at 4:00 PM

PRESENT:

Mayor: Alysa Plummer
Trustees: Lili Lanphear
Justin Leitgeb
David Marshall
Lisa Cove
Deputy Clerk: Alexandria Torres Vaughn

CALL TO ORDER

Motion by Mayor Plummer and seconded by Trustee Cove to call the meeting to order.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Lanphear – yes, Leitgeb – yes, Cove – yes, Marshall – yes, *Motion passed.*

Mayor Plummer outlined the purpose of the meeting as an opportunity for community engagement, discussing the next steps of the Canal Path project funded by a \$300,000 grant received for improvements. John Reddington, landscape architect from Fisher Associates, presented the initial conceptual design.

Patrick (Executive Director, Cornell Navigation)—expressed interest in coordinating their accessibility grant with the village’s plans for enhanced accessibility on the Pittsford waterfront.

Len Parker, 46 Rand Place—asks if there is discussion of a bike line or pedestrian lane.

Carolina Torres, 41 Monroe Ave—suggests a solution to prevent ducks and geese from flocking by creating avenues for them to climb, as people continue to feed and foul them. They propose a solution where ducks move to a safer location.

Peter Brizee, 81 S. Main Street—questions the feasibility of completing the project with the \$300,000 matching grant and inquired about the impact on the village tax base.

Peggy Brizee, 81 S. Main Street—inquiries about the grant source for the Sam Patch project and the allocation from private or state funding. Asks to see the grant application that was submitted for the \$300,000 award.

Emily Diaz, 81 South Street—asks about the timeline for utilizing the grant and if funding would remain available with continued community planning efforts.

Abby McRae, 25 Washington Ave—praises the project as a valuable improvement for a high-traffic area, contributing to the safety and aesthetics of the village.

John Limbeck, 62 State Street—inquires about Canal Corporation or SHPO approval for village projects impacting the canal.

Karl Fleischmann, 41 Monroe Avenue—raises concerns about the canal embankment’s structural stability and suggested an engineering analysis to prevent future issues.

David Wilkes, 19 East Jefferson Road—emphasizes the importance of improving safety on the path, particularly for families with young children.

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The Board reiterated the flexibility of the “conceptual design” phase, inviting community input on the final design. Trustees highlighted the importance of incorporating the project into the next fiscal budget, aiming to break ground in 2025 which could coincide with the bicentennial celebration of the Erie Canal. A suggestion was made to create a project page on the village website for public updates, including planning documents, timelines, and other resources.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mayor Plummer, seconded by Trustee Cove, to adjourn at 4:39 PM.

Vote: Plummer – yes, Lanphear—yes, Leitgeb –yes, Marshall – yes, Trustee Cove—yes, *Motion passed*

Alexandria Torres Vaughn, Deputy Clerk