

**Village of Rhinebeck
Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
Pedestrian Task Force Sidewalk Workshop
November 10, 2010**

Present: Mayor James Reardon, Trustees Wayne Rifenburgh, Terry Gipson, Howard Traudt and Brant Neuneker, Clerk Gail Haskins, Pedestrian Task Force Members Klara Sauer, John Halpern, Laura Linder, Robert Babirad, Michael Bird, John Wirth, Ted Fink, Charles Derbyshire and Eileen Madden, PANDA filmer Fred Cartier, Mark Debald of the PDCTC and numerous residents.

Mayor Reardon opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in remembrance of veterans for Veteran's Day.

Mayor Reardon mentioned a card made by a student, Heather, in the audience requesting that the Village make the sidewalks safe and handed the meeting to Trustee Gipson.

Trustee Gipson gave background information on how the task force was formed and how the Village came to the point of having this presentation made, then introduced Klara Sauer as the chair of the Pedestrian Task Force. Mrs. Sauer spoke about how the Task Force worked and what they had accomplished and hoped to accomplish. The Task Force members then introduced themselves. Mrs. Sauer handed the meeting over to Mark Debald of the PDCTC to make a report of the findings of the county survey of the sidewalks in the Village. The board then made comments and Trustee Gipson thanked Mr. Debald and his staff for the presentation and stated that comments could be sent to the Village by letter or email.

The floor was opened up to the public for comments. Many comments were made regarding the cost of replacement, who was responsible for replacement, care and upkeep, how fixing or replacement would be done, crosswalks were needed in different areas, concern of no sidewalks in different areas, confusion over the S. Parsonage St. combined bike and pedestrian lane, leaves blocking the sidewalks and roads, not to forget the bicyclists, some people want separate bike and pedestrian paths, and remember people with disabilities.

The public was thanked for their comments. Trustee Gipson stated that the board and committee would be considering everything discussed and was confident that progress would be made, though it may take a while. He thanked everyone and stated that the board and committee would take any more comments in writing or email from anyone who wanted to make them.

A copy of the DVD for this meeting is available in the Village Clerk's office.

Trustee Gipson made a motion to adjourn. Trustee Traudt seconded and all the board was in favor.

Submitted by,

Gail Haskins
Village Clerk