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# SURVEY RESULTS

1. The Town is considering the option of discontinuing a section of Reynolds Ave. from where it intersects Canal St. to where it intersects Webster St.. The distance is approximately 50 feet. The purpose would be to reduce through travel of motorists using Webster St. and Whitten St. to travel to the mill. This would minimize the amount of traffic on these residential streets. The pavement would be removed and a barrier along with landscaping would be constructed in this area.

\_\_\_\_\_5\_\_\_ I am in favor of discontinuing this section of the roadway.

\_\_6\_\_ I am opposed to discontinuing this section of the roadway.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to see the results of the trial effort to make that section of the roadway ONE WAY (assuming the Board of Selectmen chooses to undertake this trial effort) before forming an opinion as to what should be done.

The next series of survey questions is in regards to whether sidewalks should be reconstructed or removed. The cost of reconstructing sidewalks adds considerable cost to the project. The sidewalks would need to be compliant with the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Some of the existing sidewalks are not 60 inches wide. The construction of new sidewalks to meet this standard would require shrinking the roadway widths in some areas. The cost of winter maintenance would be considerable as well. These sidewalks would now be plowed in the winter.

2. <u>**TO BE COMPLETED BY FERRY STREET PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY.**</u> The Town is considering several options in regards to which sidewalks would be reconstructed on this street. Please place a number (1 2 3 4 5) on the line with 1 being

reconstructed on this street. Please place a number (1,2,3,4,5) on the line with 1 being the preferred option, 2 being the next preferred and so on. If you are opposed to one of the options write NIF (Not in Favor) on the line.

A. \_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of re-constructing sidewalks on the North side (odd house numbered side) of Ferry St. from the fire station to the intersection of Reynolds Ave. only.

B.\_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of re-constructing sidewalks on the North side (odd house numbered side) of Ferry St. from the fire station to the intersection of Canal St. only.

C.\_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of re-constructing sidewalks on the South side (even house numbered side) of Ferry St. from Main St. to the intersection of Canal St.

D.\_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of removing the existing sidewalks and constructing a curb line where the existing sidewalk meets the roadway. The area where sidewalks are now would be filled with soil and seeded.

E.\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of removing the existing sidewalks and widening the roadway to allow for more on street parking.

Priority	1	2	3	4	5	NIF
Α	1	1			1	1
В		1	1	1		1
С	1		2			1
D		1		1	1	1
Ε	1				1	1

3. <u>**TO BE COMPLETED BY REYNOLDS AVE. PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY.</u></u> The Town is considering several options in regards to which sidewalks would be reconstructed on this street. Please place a number (1,2,3) on the line with 1 being the preferred option, 2 being the next preferred and so on. If you are opposed to one of the options write NIF (Not in Favor) on the line.</u>** 

<u>1</u> I am in favor of re-constructing sidewalks on the West side of Reynolds Ave.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of removing the existing sidewalks and constructing a curb line where the existing sidewalk meets the roadway. The area where sidewalks are now would be filled with soil and seeded.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of removing the existing sidewalks and widening the roadway to allow for more on street parking.

There was only one score for this street. The one submission scored a 1 as indicated above.

### 4. TO BE COMPLETED BY WHITTEN STREET PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY.

The Town is considering several options in regards to which sidewalks would be reconstructed on this street. Please place a number (1,2,3,4,5) on the line with 1 being the preferred option, 2 being the next preferred and so on. If you are opposed to one of the options write NIF (Not in Favor) on the line.

A.\_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of re-constructing sidewalks on the North side (odd house numbered side) of Whitten St. from the intersection with Main St. to the intersection of Reynolds Ave. only.

B.\_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of re-constructing sidewalks on the South side (even house numbered side) of Whitten St. from the entry way to the Whitten Street Park to the intersection of Reynolds Ave. only.

C.\_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of re-constructing sidewalks on both sides of Whitten St. in the areas sidewalks presently exist.

D.\_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of removing the existing sidewalks and constructing a curb line where the existing sidewalk meets the roadway. The area where sidewalks are now would be filled with soil and seeded.

E.\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of removing the existing sidewalks and widening the roadway to allow for more on street parking.

Priority	1	2	3	4	5	NIF
Α	4		1		1	1
В	2	1	1	2		2
С	1	2	1		1	2
D	1	1				4
Ε	1	1				4

## 5. <u>TO BE COMPLETED BY WEBSTER STREET PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY.</u>

The Town is considering several options in regards to which sidewalks would be reconstructed on this street. Please place a number (1,2,3,4,5) on the line with 1 being the preferred option, 2 being the next preferred and so on. If you are opposed to one of the options write NIF (Not in Favor) on the line.

A.\_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of reconstructing sidewalks on the North side (odd house numbered side) of Webster St. from the intersection with Main St. to the intersection of Reynolds Ave. only.

B.\_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of re-constructing sidewalks on the South side (even house numbered side) of Webster St. from the intersection of Main St. to the intersection of Reynolds Ave. only.

C.\_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of re-constructing sidewalks on both sides of Webster St. in the areas sidewalks presently exist.

D.\_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of removing the existing sidewalks and constructing a curb line where the existing sidewalk meets the roadway. The area where sidewalks are now would be filled with soil and seeded.

E.\_\_\_\_\_ I am in favor of removing the existing sidewalks and widening the roadway to allow for more on street parking.

Priority	1	2	3	4	5	NIF
Α	2	1	1	3		1
В	1	3	1			1
С	2	2		1	1	2
D	3	1	1			2
Ε			1		1	4

Please provide any additional comments that you would like to share with us.

#### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

#### FERRY ST.

- 1. "I oppose all work on sidewalks, when Rodger Rd. has a bigger issue. It's a Hassid!!"
- 2. "and leave north side of Ferry St. no parking. Allow cars to park on the south side of Ferry Street as is currently."
- 3. "Both sides of Ferry St. needs to be addressed; with no expanded parking as it cannot be used during winter months. The south side needs to be done as there are more houses. The north side is best for handicap access as there are no telephone poles."

#### WEBSTER ST.

- 1. "You <u>have to have a sidewalk.</u> My children are considered 'walkers' to AES & ARD. They need a <u>safe</u> walking sidewalk for that to happen! If not transportation <u>MUST</u> be provided!!! Sidewalk on odd side because we already have telephone poles!"
- 2. "They started bugging us as few years ago about parking on one side of the street (of Webster) Some of just wish you would leave the street the way it is. My taxes are almost 9 thousand, not to mention what my neighbors are. Also I have no say about Library St. but have lived here over 50 years and I think for the few people using the library main st. parking is sufficient. I really think the Town should be consintrating on doing things to lower our taxes."
- 3. "Not in favor of widening the road. If no sidewalk then we would like to see them filled + seeded."
- 4. "Salting = more \$ really\_not needed on this st. Way back, B-4 good plowing no problems and no salt!"

#### WHITTEN ST.

- 1. "All these streets need sidewalks on at least one side of street eliminate one side would be nice to widen street as they are narrow."
- 2. "all year long parking on the street would be nice. Snow emergencies could be put in place when the need arises."
- 3. "Regardless of the decision on the Reynolds Ave. closure and/or the one way changes, we both feel strongly that Whitten Street (and other surrounding streets) should have a minimum of one complete ADA compliant sidewalk for all to walk safely. Ideally, community streets would have ADA compliant sidewalks on each side, but realistically that is not always possible. There are traffic considerations, parking constraints, snow removal, etc. Our suggestion would be to maintain/upgrade the (north-side) sidewalk on Whitten Street from the top to the bottom and abandon the (south-side) sidewalk. The latter could potentially help to offset the 60" sidewalk requirement for the north-side."
- 4. "As for the last two items in the ranking portion of the survey, *we* are not in favor of either. The first option of removing existing sidewalks and creating a curb line to be filled with soil and seeded might look www.allenstownnh.gov

nice, but essentially eliminates a safe area for all foot traffic. The second option of removing the existing sidewalks and widening the roadway to allow additional parking would not only eliminate a safe are for walking, but make it even more dangerous for walkers making their way between parked cars (and snow banks) to walk in the street. Both of these options lend themselves to a possible disaster for pedestrians and drivers alike.