



**TOWN OF NORFOLK
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RE: Sidewalk Policy

Dear Applicant:

It is very clear resident's value sidewalks as does the Planning Board. To that end, the Planning Board supports the Complete Streets Policy the Select Board adopted January 28, 2019. The Planning Board regulations require a sidewalk along a site's frontage and for any new subdivision the regulations require one sidewalk for a residential street and two sidewalks for a primary and secondary road.

However, the Planning Board is changing its approach to required sidewalks when projects come before the Planning Board for approval. As a project is proposed a developer will investigate the sidewalk plan for the project as has been done in the past. If it isn't feasible to connect to existing sidewalks, a developer may construct equivalent sidewalk as required for the development elsewhere in the Town at the direction of the Department of Public Works. Or if constructing sidewalks at a different location at the direction of the Department of Public Works isn't feasible, a contribution shall be made in an equivalent amount of sidewalk as required for the development to the Sidewalk Fund.

The Planning Board obtained the cost to repair, replace or construct a new sidewalk at the town's and developer's cost. On May 12, 2020, the Planning Board voted unanimously that when a waiver is requested to not construct a sidewalk a contribution shall be made to the Sidewalk Fund. The contribution amount is the linear feet of sidewalk required that is being waived times \$30.00 per linear foot. The amount per linear foot is a blended average between the cost to repair, replace or construct a new sidewalk between the town and developer.

The developer's contribution collected will be held in the Sidewalk Fund under the direction of the Department of Public Works. The money shall be used to study, design, permit and construct sidewalks in the Town of Norfolk.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office at the above telephone number.

Sidewalk Policy Approved:

Walter Byron 5.20.20

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