July 30, 2017

SCA

I was on vacation the week of July 11 and returned home to no sidewalk across the street, I then on the 27th read in the minutes of the SCA 7/11/2017 "sidewalk on Long Point Rd. will not be replaced due to the desire of resident". I am a resident and I was not consulted I very much want it replaced.

Of the two lots involved one was only occupied for about 7 out of the last 50 years and the other not at all due to flooding of both lots. For the past 4 or 5 years it has been basically under construction with the removal of the house which was there removal of septic systems, trees, shrubs gardens and dirt and replacement of dirt, construction of the house now there etc.. Heavy equipment going over the sidewalk many, many times doing damage. For the past year the sidewalk has been occupied by a portapotty (recently moved) which is not inviting to use of the sidewalk. There clearly has been a massive change to the road and site.

The continuity of the sidewalk along the whole street enhances the appearance of the street. Some people have said that it is a sidewalk to nowhere; does that mean all dead end streets in Stony Creek should not have sidewalks? Clearly no one considered snow storms. In most of SC the sidewalk edge defines a three foot clear space to walk on or open a car door over etc. this needs to be addressed here now, for the future. Also I strongly believe that two wrongs do not make a right if someone wants to bring up the next door hedge.

I object to the way this sidewalk was removed and not replaced without being consulted. If it were a zoning issue I would have been notified. I believe sidewalks enhance our village and should be cherished. They are on public property and should remain public property. One does not normally imagine that the sidewalk on their street will be taken away at least without notice.

I object to having to respond after the fact it can't help the relationship with our future neighbors and us. Also they were not advised as to the town property line and clearly got the impression it could be ignored.

I would appreciate it if the Stony Creek Association reversed its decision and replaced the sidewalk.

I would appreciate it if the Stony Creek Association revised its rules so it does not take action without notification of all involved in the future.