

Decisions/Responses since the November 15th, 2023 workshop meeting covering concerns/recommendations not followed, and/or, explanations relative to rationale for these differences of opinion and/or decisions rendered that disagree with approaches proposed relative to how to execute the project

	HPC Recommendations	Draft Responses and/or Proposed Decisions
1.	<p>The Historic Preservation Commission of the Village of Kinderhook fully supports the goals of the Albany Avenue Projects to replace the antiquated water mains and to install a proper drainage system. It recognizes these projects as necessary upgrades that will greatly benefit not only the residents of Albany Avenue but also visitors patronizing local businesses and/or attending Village events. However, the HPC finds that the two plans being proposed compromise the historic character of the Albany Avenue.</p>	<p>Agree with the first sentence. It should be state that these improvements/upgrades are necessary for not only Albany Avenue road/sidewalks - they are needed to maintain the integrity and operation of the water distribution system throughout the Village.</p> <p>Disagree with the second sentence statement, however, we acknowledge their point of view and understand that their perspective may vary from a more wholistic view – what is best for all Village residents.</p>
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10-foot traffic lanes, the standard for the village and roads beyond. 	<p>Disagree – Village does not make the standards – DOT determines minimum allowable lane sizes associated with the conditions found within the construction zone.</p>
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 10-foot traffic lanes, the standard for the village and roads beyond. 	<p>Disagree - the 13' wide lanes would provide more safety to bicycle traffic and most large truck/farm traffic could stay in the road lane and not cross the white line into the shoulder or cross the center yellow line.</p>

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4.	The HPC views the variations or irregularities in dimensions or layout of lanes, verges, and walkways as contributors to the character of the street that reflect its organic evolution over several centuries. It therefore considers them part of the historic fabric of the village and strongly recommends that they be preserved.	Disagree. We certainly would accept and consider aesthetic recommendations and apply them if practical and possible.
5.	While trees are not structures and therefore not technically under the purview of the HPC they are, nonetheless, a defining feature of the street and are part of its historic fabric as well as a visual asset. The Commission recommends that all efforts should be made to preserve them wherever possible even if that requires alterations of the dimensions or layout of walkways, verges, and/or parking/service lanes. Work-arounds are greatly preferred to destruction.	In general, we agree with this recommendation. However, the Tree locations should not be prioritized over the layout of the road and sidewalks and green spaces.
6.	While the Commission recognizes that many NYS DOT guidelines are suitable for urban or suburban areas it views them as inappropriate for a rural village setting. The	In general, we agree. However, the regularization and standardization of some features to comply with DOT is necessary in some specific instances and is a priority over just do not apply the standard.

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	Commission strongly recommends against the regularization or standardization of features that deprive the street of its historic rural character.		
7.	Albany Avenue, along with the core of the village, is on the National Register of Historic Places, a Federal designation. Both the ADA and NYS DOT guidelines explicitly state that places with a National Register designation are eligible for exemptions. In this light, the HPC recommends that an additional third alternative Albany Avenue plan incorporating the recommendations of the HPC outlined above be submitted to NYS DOT.	Agreed. The exemptions need to be specific and not ethereal. We disagree with the notion that a third alternative is needed. Minor revisions to the two (2) proposed solutions is deemed adequate to address some and not all of HPC concerns.	
Resident Sabine Murphy's Concern and voiced by others	. . . Keep the road configuration as it is right now . . .	Disagree. Constraints and Provisions within the grant agreement require us to do otherwise to gain approval.	
Trustee Quinn Murphy's Approach	. . the leave alone option may not meet DOT standards but that's ok as DOT allows for justifications to be made. . . .	There is not a compelling reason to approve a non-standard feature justification. Do not pursue.	
Other Concerns	Questions raised Nov. 15th	Agree with answers in minutes	