

Minutes of the **VILLAGE BOARD REGULAR MEETING** of the Board of Trustees of the Village/Town of Mount Kisco held on Monday, September 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Frank J. DiMicco Board Room, Village Hall, 104 Main Street, Mount Kisco, New York and via video conference.

Present: Mayor J. Michael Cindrich
Deputy Mayor Theresa Flora
Trustee Angie Guerra
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio
Trustee Karen B. Schleimer

Also Present: Edward Brancati, Village Manager
Kenneth Famulare, Assistant Village Manager
Dan Pozin, Village Counsel

Absent:

Interviews
Monday, September 15, 2025
7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87043761605>
Zoom ID: 870 4376 1605

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<https://www.youtube.com/@mountkiscoenespanol/streams>

You can watch this meeting in its entirety here: <https://vimeo.com/1119870542?fl=pl&fe=sh>

Mayor Cindrich opened the meeting and asked everyone to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance. He asked that everyone remain standing so that we may reflect on why we are here and ask for guidance so that the decisions that we make here this evening benefit the people of Mount Kisco. Mayor Cindrich also asked for forgiveness for the things that we do even when done with the best intent as well as remembering when looking at the flag that we are the best Country.

Public Hearing – Amend Chapter 43 – Alcoholic Beverages (continuation)

Mayor Cindrich opened the hearing stating that it had been noticed in accordance with the code.

Mayor Cindrich asked when the Board could expect an opinion from counsel. Mayor Cindrich read the rules and regulations of Leonard Park that was adopted as early as 1996 regarding alcohol in the park as it stands now. There was a large discussion amongst the Board regarding the parks within the Village. Trustee Luzio noted that signs can be put up in the park stating that everyone is subject to search, but has concerns about the law as it is written.

John Rhodes of Stewart Place agreed with both Mayor Cindrich and Trustee Luzio, but has questions about Fox Park's dedication and is unsure why there is resistance on including it in this legislation as well as concerns about extending the law to include unopened bottles, the validity of the provision, and the ability to enforce the law without infringing on people's rights.

Trustee Luzio agreed with Mr. Rhodes stating that he is certain counsel will provide information on the Constitutional concerns he has raised. Deputy Mayor Flora asked questions on Fox Park and the reason why the current rules and regulations aren't enforceable. This led to another discussion on search and seizure and the concerns with the way this is written.

A motion was made by Trustee Luzio and was seconded by Trustee Guerra to keep this public hearing open to a date certain, Monday, October 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.; all in favor:

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Theresa Flora	Aye
Trustee Angie Guerra	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye
Trustee Karen B. Schleimer	Aye

1) **Communications:**

a. Request – Fox Lane – Car Wash

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Flora and was seconded by Trustee Guerra to approve the request by the Fox Lane Swim Team; all in favor:

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Theresa Flora	Aye
Trustee Angie Guerra	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye
Trustee Karen B. Schleimer	Aye

b. Request – Board Appointment – LPC – Meara Abramson

The Board requested an interview be set up.

c. Request – Foxappellas – Car Wash

A motion was made by Trustee Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Guerra to approve the date change of the car wash to September 28, 2025; all in favor:

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Theresa Flora	Aye
Trustee Angie Guerra	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye
Trustee Karen B. Schleimer	Aye

2) **Petitions:** None.

3) **Board Committee and Commission Reports:** None.

4) **Village Manager's Reports:**

a. Water Reports

Mr. Brancati announced that the total water production for July was approximately 72.2 million gallons with a daily average of 2.3 million gallons. The wells were on for ten (10) days during the month. Byram Lake began and ended the month at 83% capacity. In the month of August, total water production was approximately 69.5 million gallons for a daily average of 2.2 million gallons. The wells were on and produced approximately 4.6 million gallons of the total production. Byram Lake began and ended the month of August at 83% capacity.

b. Bike Ride

Mr. Brancati advised that there would be a charity bike ride travelling along the eastern boundaries of Mount Kisco early Saturday morning on October 4th. There are no road closures for this event, but he wanted to make everyone aware of the event and more bikes on the road.

5) **Board Reports:** (Board reports can be heard in their entirety beginning at the 26:09 mark here: <https://vimeo.com/1119870542?fl=pl&fe=sh>)

Trustee Luzio began by saying it was an honor to participate in the 9/11 Ceremony as an elected official and thanked all involved in the ceremony. He went on to speak about Septemberfest as well as recognizing the Lions Club and Rotary of Mount Kisco that were able to join forces to raise money for the Mount Kisco Historical Society. He mentioned the Senior Center Tag Sale as well as the Italian American Club fundraiser for the Emergency Shelter Partnership. Trustee Luzio also spoke about Rosh Hashanah.

Trustee Guerra began by recapping the 9/11 Ceremony, the 5K race over the weekend as well as announcing the clothes drive for the Emergency Shelter Partnership. She also spoke about a local event at ShopRite helping the local food pantry. Trustee Guerra continued by speaking about Hispanic Heritage Month and the upcoming festival.

Trustee Luzio followed up with Mr. Brancati regarding taxis in the Village. He also thanked all the volunteers in the Village for their work and appreciated their service as he spoke on the decision that was made by the Leonard Park Committee.

Trustee Schleimer began by modeling her Hispanic Heritage shirt and encouraged the Village to participate in the festivities. She also thanked all those who participated and organized the 9/11 Ceremony announcing that the video is available on the website in case you missed it. Trustee Schleimer also advised that flu shots will be available in the pharmacies around town, but noted that there will be not be a clinic at the hospital this year. She also announced the Senior Tag Sale and the Senior Information Fair for those who might find that information helpful, library card sign up month, and the new channel on Optimum, Ch. 1313 (used to be Ch. 20), to watch our Village meetings as well as the need for NYSDOT to pave sections of Route 117 and Route 133 in the Village.

Deputy Mayor Flora began by mentioning Hispanic Heritage Month as well as announcing Marge Farrington Day. She went on to give an update on the projects in Leonard Park. Deputy Mayor Flora went on to say that she was working on a Landmark Preservation Law for the Village as well as letting residents know that the American Legion is looking for new members; all are welcome! She also advised that Mount Kisco first responders are also looking for volunteers as well as requesting some patrol at the train station for taxis and late trains.

Mayor Cindrich began by speaking on taxis in the Village and requested an update from the Village Manager on this matter. He also spoke on Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) stating it is still a challenge amongst all of the different agencies and that they haven't issued guidelines to municipalities on this issue as well as speaking on residential solar. Mayor Cindrich went on to speak about complaints on speeding and other moving violations in the Village including requests for speed humps and other traffic calming measures and will be presenting a workable solution for this issue. He spoke about Marge Farrington as well as congratulating the Chamber of Commerce on the success of Septemberfest. He continued by speaking about the remembrance of the 9/11 Ceremony and

announced some events coming up in the Village. Mayor Cindrich also spoke about the hate that is being spread and reminded everyone to appreciate what they have and to think before they act and/or speak.

6) Old Business:

a. Adopt Local Law # 04-2025 – Amend Chapter 110 – Zoning

There was a discussion amongst the Board regarding any additional changes or language in the local law as well as who is responsible for the signs, the language on the signs, the notification on mailing, and other concerns.

A motion was made by Trustee Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Guerra to adopt local law 2025-04 amending Chapter 110 -Zoning; all in favor:

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Theresa Flora	Aye
Trustee Angie Guerra	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye
Trustee Karen B. Schleimer	Aye

b. Adopt Local Law# 05-2025 – Amend Various Sections of the Code

There was a large discussion amongst the Board regarding the different amendments with questions to the Village Manager and requests that are open with the DOT currently.

A motion was made by Trustee Luzio and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Flora to adopt local law 2025-05 removing sections 4 and 8; all in favor:

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Theresa Flora	Aye
Trustee Angie Guerra	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye
Trustee Karen B. Schleimer	Aye

7) New Business:

a. Budget Transfer

A motion was made by Mayor Cindrich and was seconded by Trustee Guerra to approve the budget transfer as requested; all in favor:

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Theresa Flora	Aye
Trustee Angie Guerra	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye
Trustee Karen B. Schleimer	Aye

b. Authorize Village Manager to sign DOT Easement – Brook Street

There was a large discussion amongst the Board and the Village Manager regarding this agreement.

This item was tabled at this time.

c. Resolution adopting complete streets grant

- i. Streetscape Sidewalk Improvement – Phase 3B
- ii. Kisco Avenue Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Improvement Project
- iii. Barker Street Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project
- iv. Leonard Park Neighborhood Sidewalks and Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project

Elaine Du of AKRF presented the following:



VILLAGE/TOWN OF MOUNT KISCO WESTCHESTER COUNTY COMPLETE STREETS GRANT APPLICATIONS

Presented to
Village/Town of Mount Kisco

Date
May 18, 2025

Presented by
Elaine Du, PE

akrf

GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- Westchester County Complete Streets Municipal Assistance Program
- *“Implement Complete Streets projects that increase travel options and support the safe use of roads by all users with a focus on vulnerable users, including pedestrians, bicyclists, and wheelchair users.”*
- Availability of \$15 million
- 50% match program, \$100,000 minimum to \$6 million maximum
- Design and construction, or just construction
- Focus on local roadways



Mount Kisco **Safety Action Plan** for the Mount Kisco Complete Streets Study

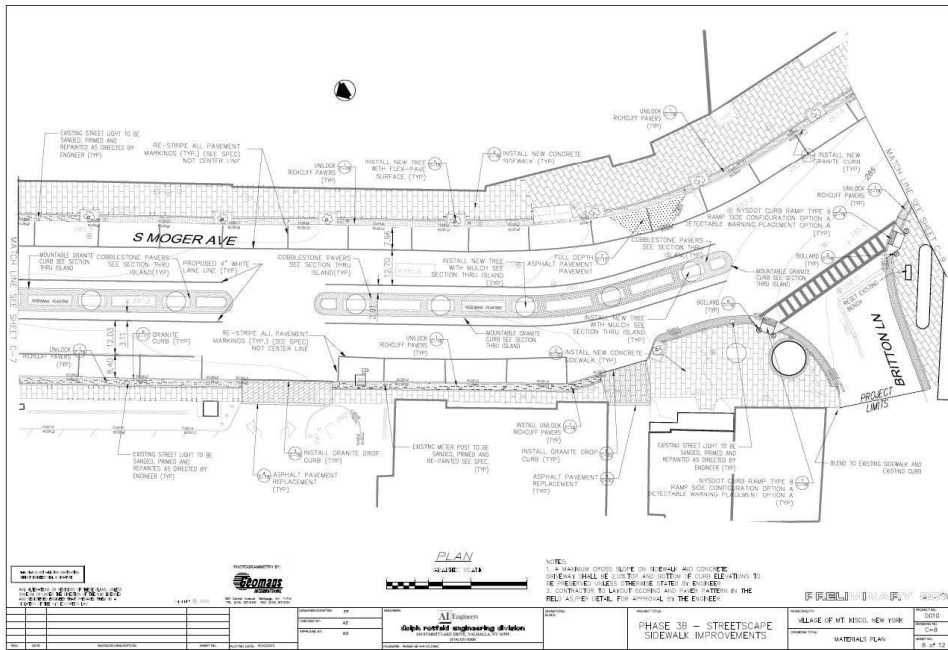
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Prepared by **akrf**

for the Village/Town of Mount Kisco

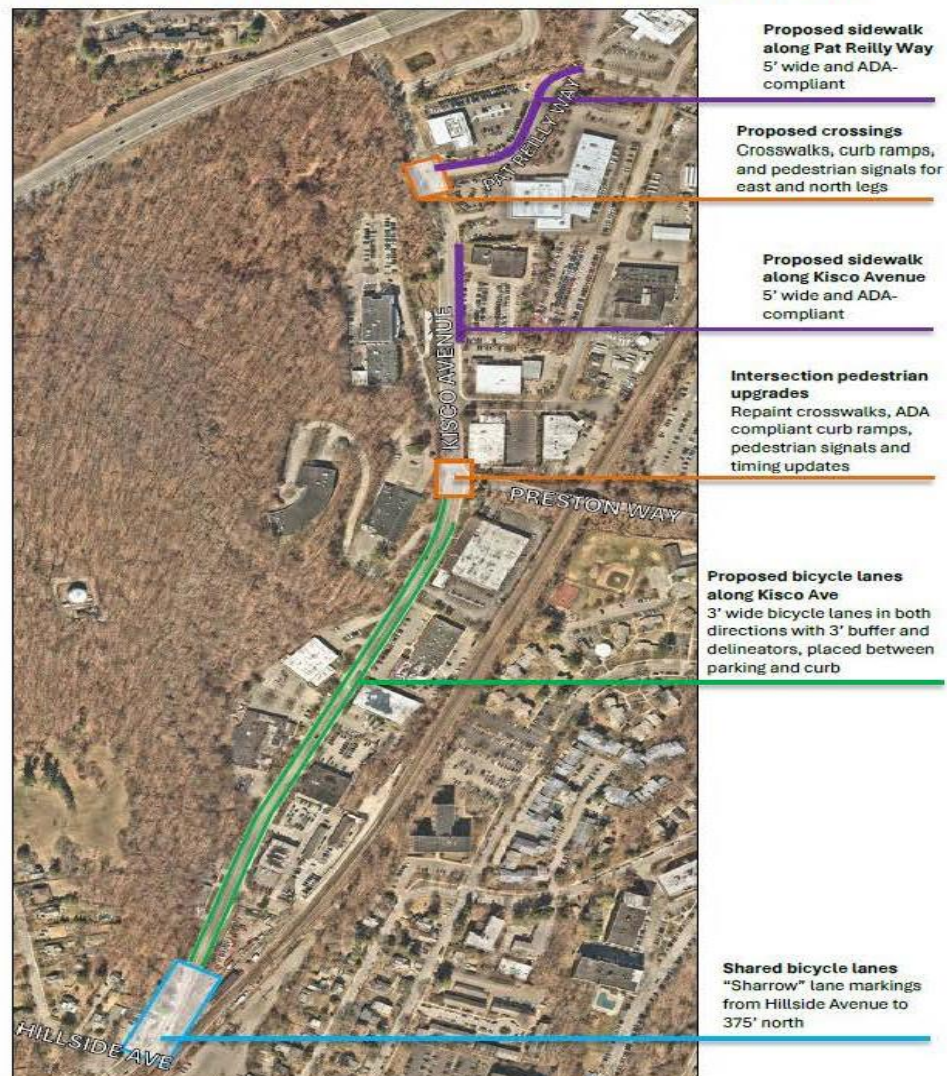


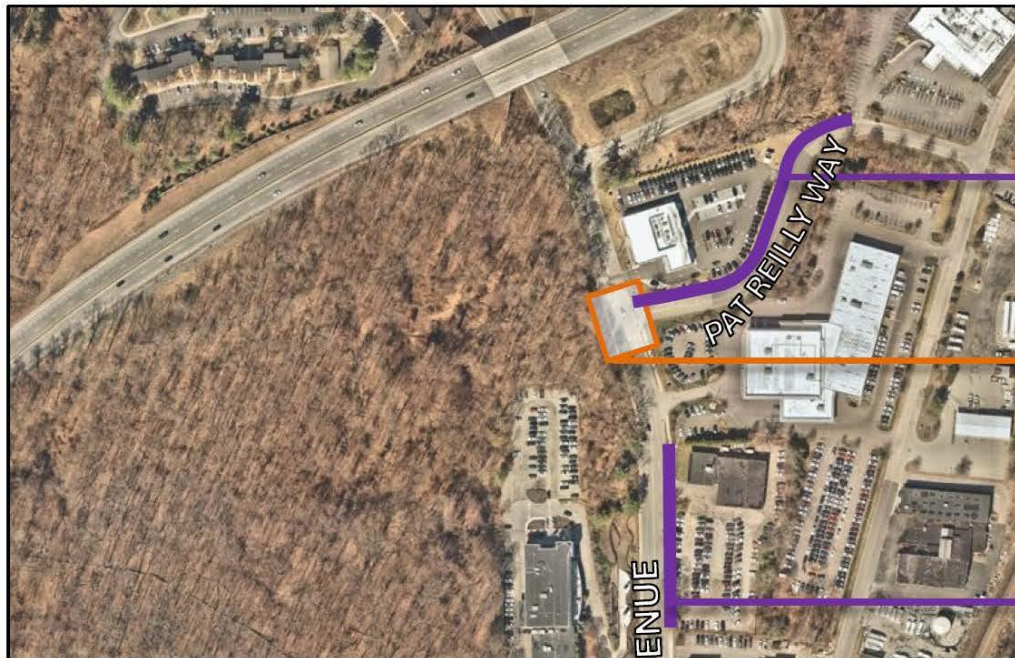
STREETSCAPE SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS – PHASE 3B



KISCO AVENUE PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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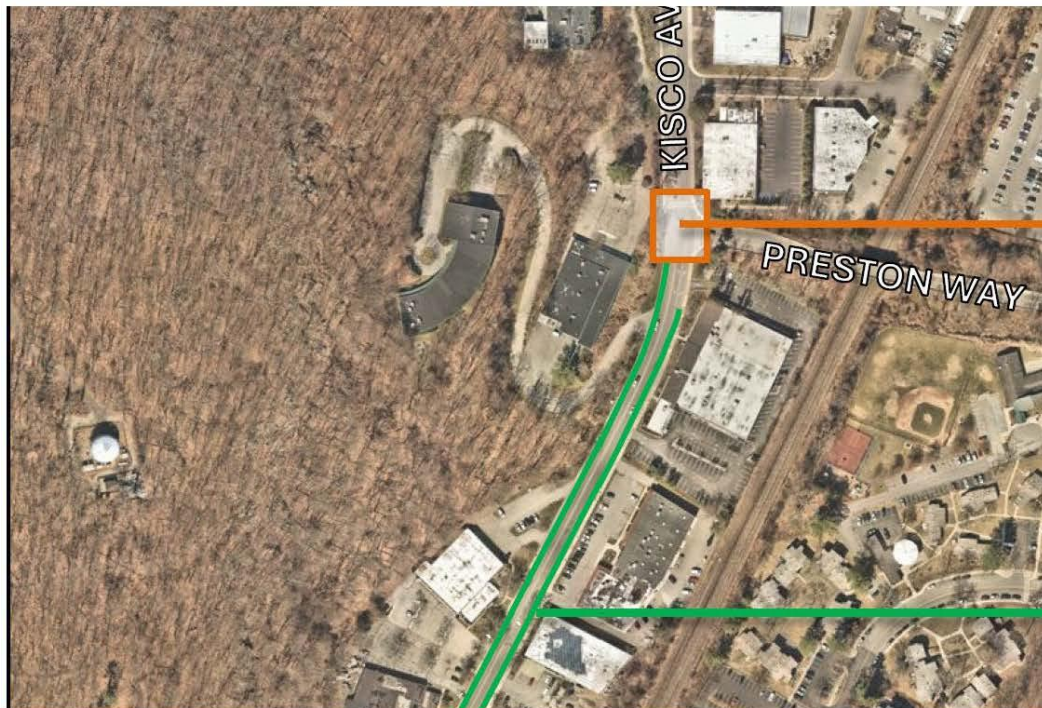




**Proposed sidewalk
along Pat Reilly Way**
5' wide and ADA-
compliant

Proposed crossings
Crosswalks, curb ramps,
and pedestrian signals for
east and north legs

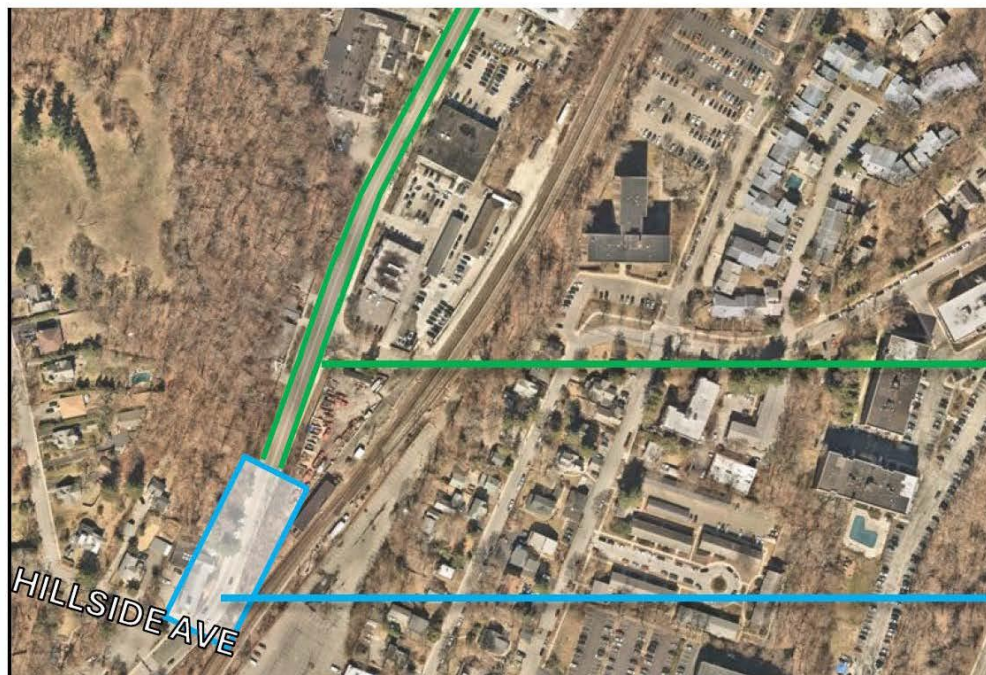
**Proposed sidewalk
along Kisco Avenue**
5' wide and ADA-
compliant



**Intersection pedestrian
upgrades**
Repaint crosswalks, ADA
compliant curb ramps,
pedestrian signals and
timing updates

**Proposed bicycle lanes
along Kisco Ave**
4' wide bicycle lanes in both
directions with 3' buffer,
placed between parking and
curb

Parking-protected bicycle lane with buffer (north of 115 Kisco Avenue) – looking north



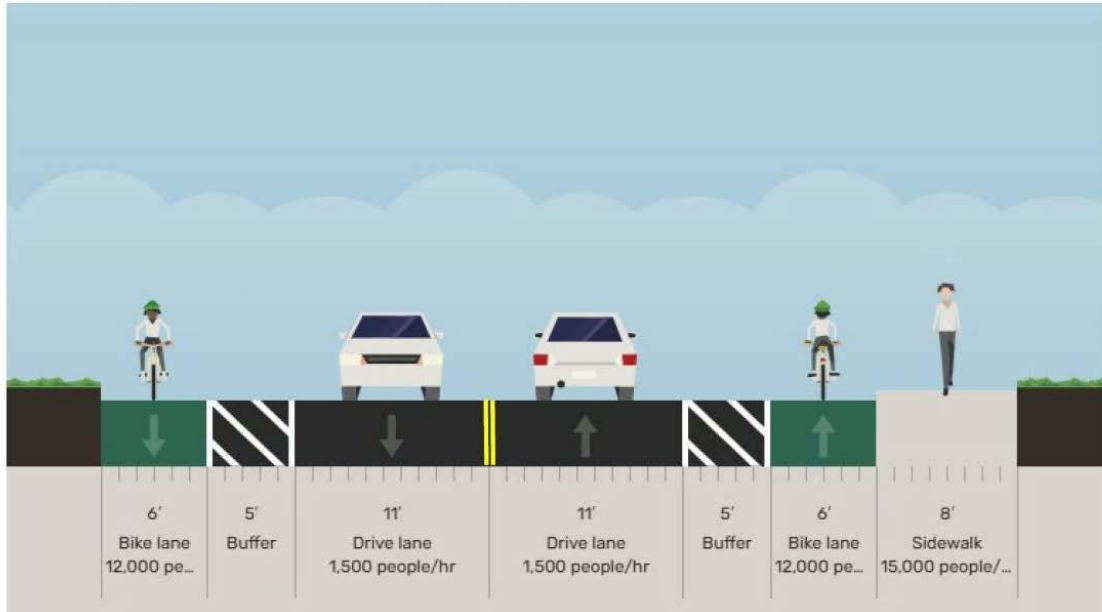
**Proposed bicycle lanes
along Kisco Ave**

South of 115 Kisco: 6' wide
bicycle lanes in both
directions with 5' buffer

Shared bicycle lanes

"Sharrow" lane markings
from Hillside Avenue to
375' north

Buffered bicycle lane (south of 115 Kisco Avenue) – Looking north



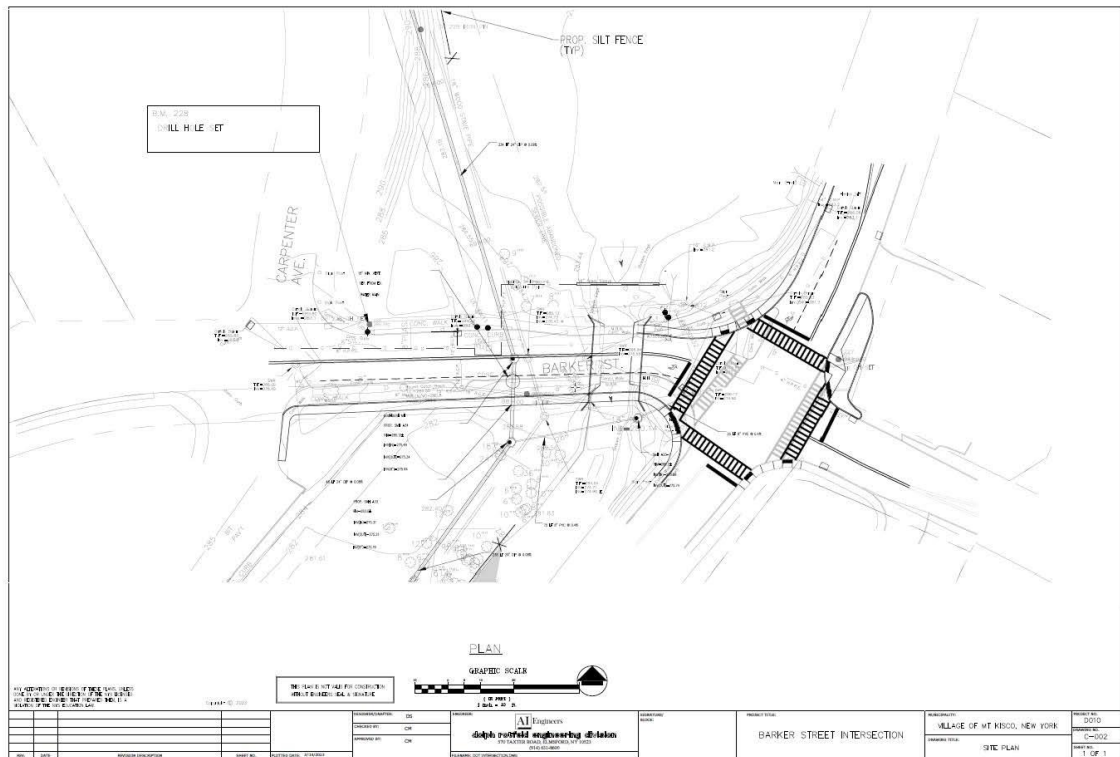
SHARROW – SHARED BICYCLE LANES



BARKER STREET PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

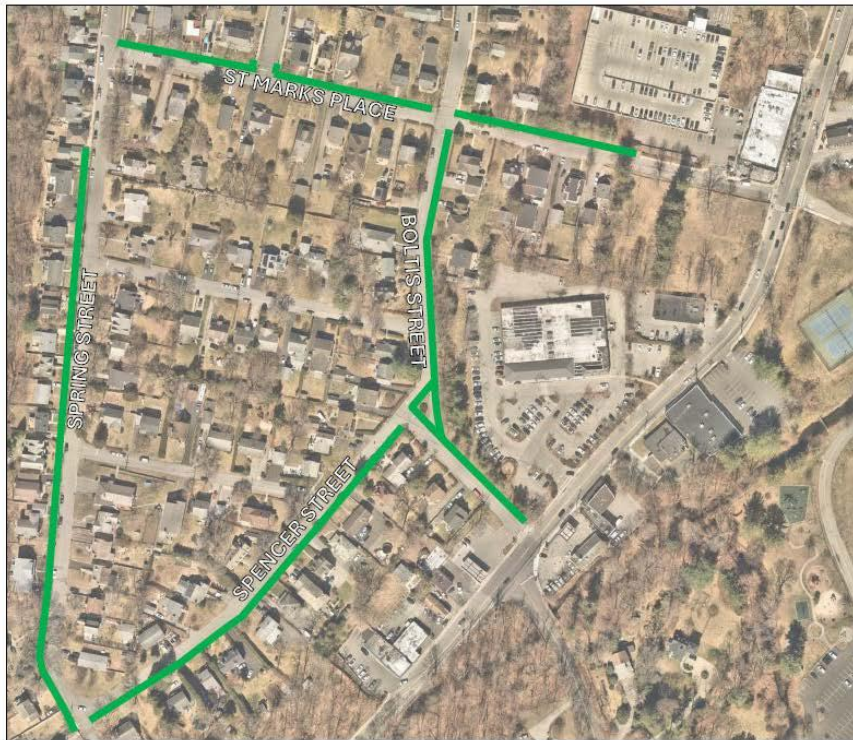
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LEONARD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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Install sidewalks along:

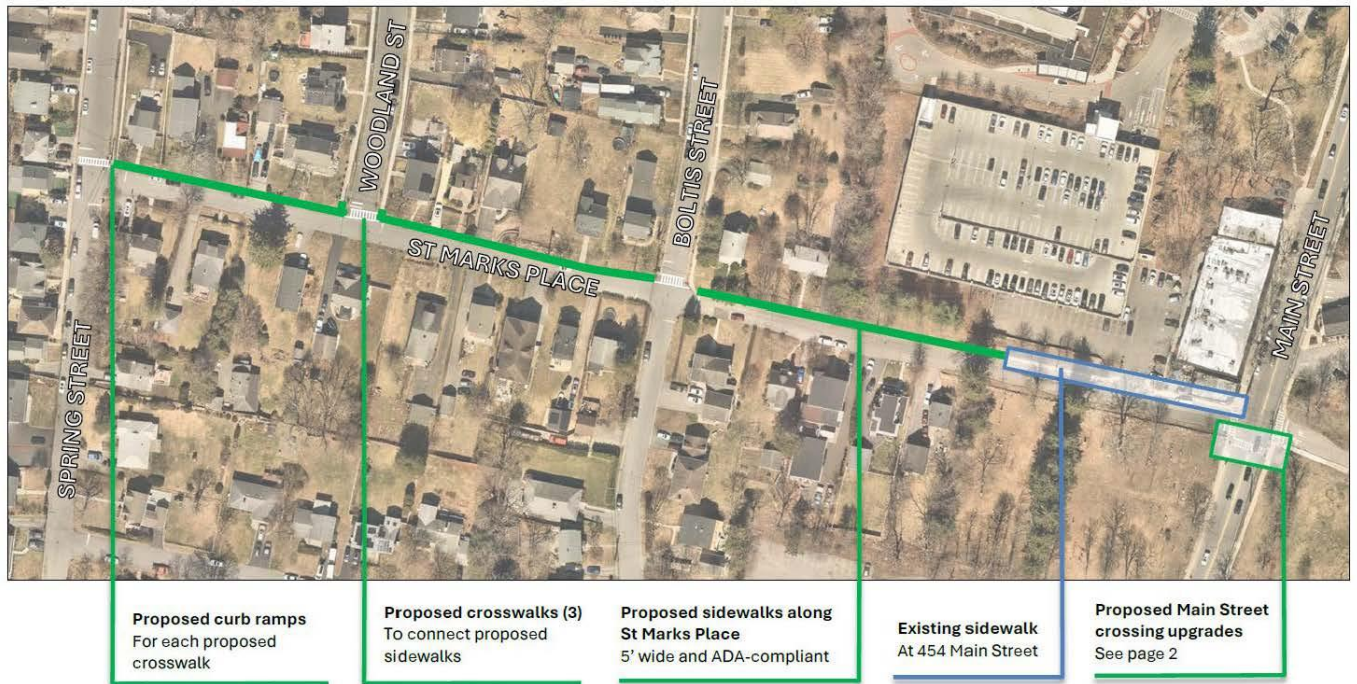
- St Marks Place
- Spring Street
- Spencer Street
- Boltis Street
- Approximately 3,950 linear feet total

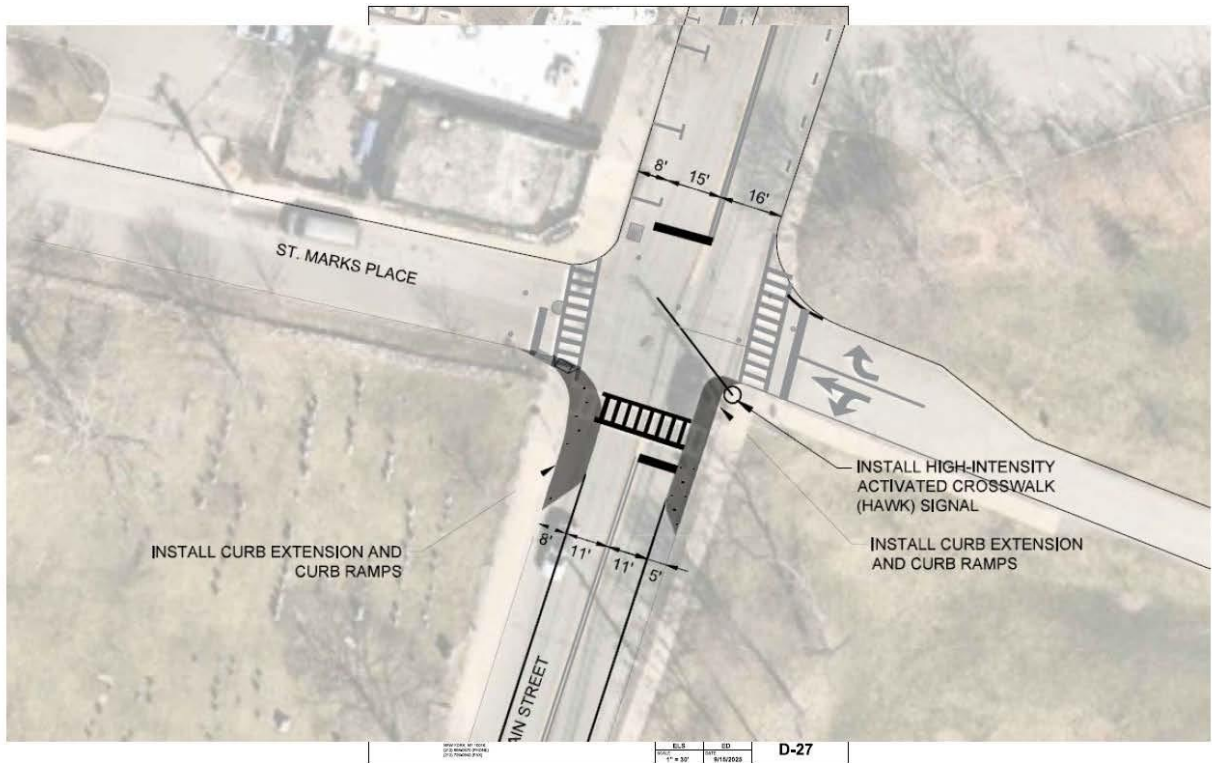
Crossing improvement at Main Street and St Marks Place intersection

- HAWK signal (protected pedestrian crossing)
 - Curb extensions
 - Advance pedestrian crossing signage
- Install new crosswalks with curb ramps at crossing locations
- St Marks Place and Boltis Street
 - St Marks Place and Woodland Street
 - St Marks Place and Spring Street
 - Spring Street and Spencer Street
 - Spencer Street and Boltis Street

LEONARD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

ST MARKS PLACE





HAWK SIGNAL (PEDESTRIAN HYBRID BEACON)



LEONARD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS
SPRING STREET



Existing sidewalk

**Proposed sidewalk
along Spring Street**
5' wide and ADA-
compliant

**Proposed crosswalk
with curb ramps**
To connect to
Spencer Street

LEONARD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS
SPENCER STREET



**Proposed sidewalk
along Spencer Street**
5' wide and ADA-
compliant

LEONARD PARK NEIGHBORHOOD SIDEWALKS AND PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

BOLTIS STREET



**Proposed crosswalk
with curb ramps**
To connect to St Marks
Place

**Proposed sidewalk along
Boltis Street**
5' wide and ADA-compliant

**Intersection realignment
(Mount Kisco)**
Slip lane closure and
intersection modifications

**Proposed crosswalk
with curb ramps**
To connect to Spencer
Street

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A motion was made by Trustee Luzio and seconded by Trustee Guerra to adopt the resolutions as submitted to apply for grant funding for these projects through the Westchester County Complete Streets Municipal Assistance Program; all in favor:

Motion Adopted

Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Theresa Flora	Nay
Trustee Angie Guerra	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye
Trustee Karen B. Schleimer	Nay

d. Award contract 2025-06 – Phase 3 Streetscape

There was a large discussion regarding this project.

This item was tabled at this time.

e. Adopt SEQR Resolution – Barker Street Bridge Replacement

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Flora and was seconded by Trustee Guerra to adopt the State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) resolution for the Barker Street Bridge Replacement as amended; all in favor:

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Theresa Flora	Aye
Trustee Angie Guerra	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye
Trustee Karen B. Schleimer	Aye

f. Board Appointment – Recreation Commission – Leon Fendley

A motion was made by Trustee Schleimer and was seconded by Trustee Guerra to appoint Leon Fendley to the Recreation Commission; all in favor:

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Theresa Flora	Aye
Trustee Angie Guerra	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye
Trustee Karen B. Schleimer	Aye

8) **Bills:** General, Senior Nutrition, Water, Sewer, Library, & Capital Project Funds

A motion was made by Trustee Schleimer and was seconded by Deputy Mayor Flora to pay the bills as submitted on September 15, 2025 for the months of August and September 2025 as follows:

General Fund	\$	87,312.72
Water Fund	\$	95,985.54
Sewer Fund	\$	33,632.60
Capital Fund	\$	80,409.40
Library Fund	\$	11,579.22
Trust Fund	\$	<u>7,100.08</u>
TOTAL	\$	316,019.56

All in favor:

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Theresa Flora	Aye
Trustee Angie Guerra	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye
Trustee Karen B. Schleimer	Aye

9) **Minutes:** None.

10) **Non-Local Business:** None.

11) **Public Comment:**

A motion was made by Deputy Mayor Flora and was seconded by Trustee Guerra to close the meeting; all in favor:

<u>Motion Adopted</u>	
Mayor J. Michael Cindrich	Aye
Deputy Mayor Theresa Flora	Aye
Trustee Angie Guerra	Aye
Trustee Thomas G. Luzio	Aye
Trustee Karen B. Schleimer	Aye

There being no further business, the regular meeting closed at 10:53 p.m.

Edward W. Brancati
Village Manager

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