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While I will not be able to attend the virtual meeting, I would like to record my thoughts.

The Town should **not** expend funds to repair/reconstruct the sidewalks on Kirsi Circle and Douglas Road. Either no action should be taken on the existing sidewalks or they should be removed in their entirety.

Forming a short loop starting and ending on Main Street with no through connection to other streets, these roads are essentially roads to nowhere, serving only a small number of residences. The roads are relatively wide, with ample paved shoulder area, and with very little traffic. Traffic is nearly exclusively passenger vehicles, with few, and then only rarely, large commercial vehicles. Speeds are typically relatively low. Hence, sidewalks provide little tangible safety. Unplowed, when the sidewalks have the greatest potential for enhancing safety, they are in fact useless. Maintaining or upgrading the sidewalks will not provide any commensurate benefit in safety.

A better use of funds for safety improvement would be to construct sidewalks, or other widening, along major arterial roads - such as Lowell Road from Depot Road to Stony Brook Road or Providence Road from Lowell Road to Main Street. These roads are very narrow with no useable shoulders and carry large volumes of traffic, of which a major portion is heavy commercial vehicles. Even in summer, it is common for traffic to have to stop for pedestrians on these roads. Conditions are even worse in winter when snow embankments further reduce the usable width of the roads.

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