

## Building Committee

### Landscape sub-committee

#### Meeting 11/04/13

Present: Barbara Day, Cheryl Doble, Leah Smith, Linda Hearn, Margaret Logue, Tim Boland, Nelia Decker

Guests: Beth Kramer, Lil Province, John Hoff

1. Approved minutes of the Sept 30<sup>th</sup> meeting and the Oct 28<sup>th</sup> meeting.
2. Discussion of Young Adult terrace: there are options, and we would like cost estimates of the basic work required: blue stone/slate floor, retaining wall that is sitting height, drainage. The options would include a wooden bench and/or stone blocks that would serve as seating areas. There was also the notion that the area would have to be larger to accommodate a round table, which we are inclined not to do as it limits seating options for individuals. The North Terrace and the YA outdoor seating area should have a similar theme.
3. Outdoor seating: probably do a mix of stone benches, wooden benches and chairs. Tim pointed out that the stone benches are less comfortable and colder to sit on for any length of time. Stone is more expensive but lasts forever.
4. We are forming a "sitting" committee: Nelia, Linda Hughes, Hunter and Lil, who will look at designs of furniture (one idea is provided by Whitney Brush who sells sustainable teak furniture) and make a recommendation to the landscaping co about pieces and cost and phasing. It is important to keep the landscape uncluttered, tucking in furniture where appropriate and leaving some open grassy area for a visual relief and for kids to play on.
5. Tim would like a ¼" of the south deck as well as the former bus stop area.
6. John presented the sleeve plan for the irrigation design. These sleeves need to be determined now as they are going under the pavement. We can put in the bed irrigation later.
7. John will call Susan Wasserman to chat about their willingness to pay for future landscape maintenance. He also approached Ben Cabot to see if he would be willing to provide us with one of his granite sculptures. This made us stop and think about an overall policy for donated/purchased materials and the process for acquiring them. Cheryl and Lil will also give us some guidelines about which areas can support sculpture in the landscape. They are going to start with organizing the plantings and go from there. There was also mention of the need for a stone at the former bus stop signifying the presence of the Library.
8. The ConCom is meeting Nov 12 and we are going to get permission to use Cape Cod Premium on the lawn areas, which will be more available after the large dirt pile has been removed. It is likely that we will have to re-seed in the spring.
9. Explanation of pipe movement in the central plaza. The two large vents will be moved to the north bioswales and become 6" wide, 23" tall and be made out of PVC with mushroom caps. The intake and outtake pipes: one will be cut down to ground level, the other will stay at 18". The PIV will stay at 42" tall with a 4" diameter. The engineering plan for these pipes needs to be done by our engineer and approved by the Fire Chief and the State Fire Marshall.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday November 25 at the Cow Barn.

Respectfully submitted  
Nelia Decker