

Building Committee:

Landscaping Sub-Committee 1.27.2014

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

Guests: Beth Kramer, Bob Day, Lil Province, Hunter Moorman

1. There is not enough money to do everything right away, strategies were reviewed to deal with this: a warrant article was proposed by Bruce Stone and Kathy Logue to cover Building Committee contingency fund shortages due to several unforeseen expenses during construction. The Trustees/Building Committee may ask the Town for \$40K to augment the Foundation and Town expenses towards this project. Leah Smith offered to write the article. The Foundation has approximately \$200K in remaining funds to be used for landscaping, furniture and their own accounting expenses. The funds needed total approximately \$300K.
2. Discussion re: prioritizing our needs and noting what the phases of implementation could be. For example: the back meadow, the children's garden and the front gardens could be first, the north terrace, the entry and the teen patio would be phased in later. A discussion about the walk way and the desire for it to not be asphalt, but to be stone dust was expressed strongly.
3. Lil presented her beautifully drawn plans, difficult to imagine with the large pile of dirt. The shaping of the landscape was discussed in terms of the view from the Woods/Noons terrace. The realization that the overall space is small and that it is crucial to start with few elements and add them as needed. Discussion of the placement of Little Alleys-the sense is that it probably needs to stay where it is drawn. Beth is going to get the measurements of the structure.
4. The teen area was pulled further away from the compressors and closer to the walkway. There was a discussion about having a cement knee wall or not and how the drainage would work with either shrubs as a border or a wall. Without the terrace in place we are concerned about tracking in dirt. Beth will find out if the door can be locked from the outside.
5. Discussion of the North Terrace and the surface: if planted with grass or left as dirt, we would need to keep traffic in and out of the building through that door to a minimum, perhaps having a minimal amount of a path to decrease mud entering. Neither the surface of that North Terrace nor a knee wall is covered by the Nauset contract. We would not like a concrete pad at the door.
6. Discussion about the selective pruning of the invasives on the south side, with owner's permission and selective pruning of invasives on the east side which would fall under the ConCom jurisdiction. Tim has been in communication with the neighbors.
7. Screening on the side of the property abutting Eleanor Waldron was discussed. She knows it will take time for trees to fill out, the property dips on her side. It will be better when the Norway maples leaf out. Whatever we plant needs to be deer resistant. Tim has an idea of what to plant.

8. The Howes House needs work on the side where the electrical work was done. The yard needs to be repaired and enhanced. Rod Welles has offered to take down the fence on the north side and clean it up a bit. We could plant shrubs as screening.
9. Cross walk discussion: John has done some preliminary research and has had discussions with the Selectmen about running the brick sidewalk from where it stops in front of the church to the corner of Alleys, to create a more defined area of walking in a high traffic area. The proposed crosswalk would remain in its current location but be tied into that sidewalk, bricked and possibly humped-encouraging drivers to slow down at that spot. John asked for volunteers to serve on a sub committee about this. It is a State Road, and will need extensive permitting, etc from the State. He would like to have plans drawn up to present at next year's Town meeting. Nelia and Cheryl volunteered to help him.
10. In order to understand the phasing and the associated costs for each garden, Hunter will fill out his spread sheet with John and Cheryl's help: costs of plants, labor and hardscape. Margaret suggested acetate overlays to easier view the phases, Cheryl is interested in creating a brochure that would show the plants in each garden, their colors and relationships to each other. Tim offered to donate a touch screen that could be used in the Library as an educational tool for viewing the landscape plans.
11. The tentative opening date of the Library is March 22, we would love to have the completed landscaping plans by March 7th. We need to be prepared for the ConCom meeting, now scheduled for Feb 25th.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Feb 10th at 8:30 at PHA.