

Hebron Common Landscaping & Playground Committee
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: April 13, 2023

PRESENT: Fred Kohout, Chair; Garry Lahey; Mavis Brittelli; Paul Falzarano; Barbara Kohout, Secretary;

GUESTS: Stacey Darlington

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm;

Draft Minutes: 2/9/23 & 3/9/23 Approved

1. Common Landscape and Care Capital Reserve Fund – A total of \$11K funds was released by the Select Board at the Public Hearing on 4/6/23. The original Budget request of \$9K was increased by \$2K to cover fertilization and disease control of trees; the balance to be used to remove 3 diseased and/or damaged trees (by TLC), purchase 8-9 new shade trees for the Common and ornamental shrubs and plants for the Town Offices.
2. The updated proposed plot plans of shade trees and shrubs were reviewed.
Final choices of ornamental shrubs and plants around the Town Offices will be decided this Spring after an update of the current cost of shrubs & ornamentals is obtained from Mark Braley. Currently investigating planting options, and possible equipment use from Casey Kuplin. Choices of trees will be decided in the Summer, depending on availability and pricing, with the goal of planting in the Fall, considering cooler and wetter conditions and which gives the trees adequate time to develop a quality root system. The updated tree list now also includes the Scarlet Oak and Pin Oak. TLC is available to do soil testing and assist in purchase and planting of new trees.
3. A comparison of the 1940 & 2022 photos of the Hebron Common were interesting with significantly more trees evident in 1940 than in 2016!
4. Review of action items: NOTE: Implementation of all landscaping proposals are contingent on approval by the Hebron Historic Commission at their May 8th, 7pm Committee Meeting.
 - a. Removal date of trees by John Faucher, TLC will depend on the firm condition of the Town Common surface to bring in heavy equipment; wood from the cuttings will not be made available to the public;

- b. Tree fertilization & treatment by Bartlett and Newfound Lawn care fertilization will need to consider the NHDEP 75ft sanitary radius around the wellhead;
 - c. Coordination of Newfound Lawn Care with the Merrill' Contract (lawn repair & re-seeding, fertilizing) is needed and to be decided. Considering public use of the Common the Committee recommends eliminating pesticide and grub control application of Round 3 in the Newfound Lawn Care Plan;
 - d. Flagpole: plan for lighting & painting under study. TLC has offered to lower the pole and allow painting at the time of trees removal;
 - e. Plan to walk common to decide placement for new trees (date TBA); considering 20-25ft setback from the roads, minimum 50ft apart and digging 2ft test holes;
5. Gazebo: Estimate for roof replacement from Ethier Brothers (\$6200, not including cedar shakes). Currently getting cost estimates for roof repair by John Polis and/or other private contractors; Roof cedar shakes to be donated by Brittelli's (18", aged, 2+ boxes) are only enough for roof repair; Decision to repair or replace roof & paint current Gazebo pending cost estimates;
6. Bocce Court: The Committee recommends moving the Bocci Court from the current location to the area west of the Town Offices. This will serve to eliminate removing it during each annual Hebron fair. The exact location will be chosen to protect the septic system and block vehicles from driving and parking in that area. The precise measurement, layout, relocation spot and playing surface are yet to be finalized;
7. Hebron Newsletter item for May 2023 to be submitted by Mavis Brittelli;

Meeting ended at 6:15pm

Next Meeting rescheduled to: 5/18/23

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kohout, Secretary

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