

Hebron Common Landscaping & Playground Committee
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: May 18, 2023

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

Meeting called to order at 5:07pm

Minutes Approved.

Meeting Agenda: Landscaping project now going forward since Select Board approval for funding from the Common Landscape and Care Capital Reserve Fund.

1. Trees/shrubs Estimates: getting current pricing from Mark Braley. He has also offered a mulch delivery for the Wegelia bushes and new plantings. Lawn in front of Town Building will require 2-3" of topsoil and seeding. Choice of new trees and plants to include:
 - Trees: European Beech, White Paper Birch, Red Maple, October Glory Maple, Sugar Maple, Red Oak, Pin Oak, White Dogwood, Red Twig Dogwoods,
 - Ornamentals: Anna Belle Hydrangeas, Dappled Willow, Japanese Thread Leaf Maple, Stella Dora Lilies, Hostas
2. Lawn Maintenance: Newfound Lawn Care to complete 4-step Program on the Common, eliminating any pesticides application around the wellhead side. Spring lime and fertilization to start soon. Seeding application scheduled for the Fall.
3. Historic Commission Review Meeting of Landscaping Committee Proposal (5/8/23): The Commission approved planting of new trees and shrubs on the Common and emphasized need for a watering plan. The HCLPC brought to their attention the need for replacement of the Historic plaque on the small Common that reads: "Planted and dedicated in 1976 to James Goold, First Settler Revolutionary War Veteran". The HCLPC recommended moving the Bocce Court from the current location to the area to an area west of the Town Offices. This would eliminate removing and replacing the court during the Hebron fair. The proposed location (marked by orange flags) was chosen to protect the septic system and block vehicles from driving and parking in that area. The Commission opposed relocating the Bocce Court on the Common and instead proposed that it be moved near the Safety Building. The Commission also discouraged any further planning for a playground to be located on the Common.
4. Tree Removal: TLC Plan for three trees (marked with tape) to be removed after Memorial Day. They also agreed to lower the flagpole for painting at the same time. We will need a "Painting Party" so let us know if you are interested!
5. Gazebo repair: will now be completed as part of the Hebron Town Common maintenance.
6. Action Items: Height of flagpole? Inquire about NLRA Americore staff volunteers? Need for painting and watering volunteer crews. Measure lawn area in front of Town building to prep for soil and mulch applications. Confirm dates for Contractor work.

Meeting ended at 6:02pm

Next Meeting: 6/15/23 at 5pm, 2nd Floor Hebron Town Offices

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kohout, Secretary, Hebron Common Landscaping and Playground Committee