Hebron Common Landscaping & Playground Committee MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: February 8, 2024

PRESENT: Fred Kohout, Chair; Paul Falziano; Barbara Kohout, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 4:58pm; ended 6:09pm;

- 1. Approved Minutes for January 12, 2023;
- 2. The Committee continues to seek new member(s);
- 3. New shade trees: Paul contacted Isabelle at the Black Forest Nursery for Spring/Fall pricing of trees which was well within the budget at \$670/tree, including planting; discussion continued regarding the irrigation plan for watering. Steve Aprea agreed to facilitate ongoing watering 1-2 times per week from the time of planting in the Spring and at least thru the Summer; Hoses with timers will be used again to water the plants and shrubs close to the Town offices. Volunteers will also be asked to help with ongoing projects;
- 4. <u>2023-24 Budget Reviewed</u>: ongoing lawn and tree care (\$12K/yr.); includes quotes for Common landscaping tree care, purchase of new trees and lawn care for the Common. Other new projects proposed include Gazebo and Flag lighting upgrade, Bocce Court resurfacing (Merrill quote, partial funding by donations), rocks along courtside, and Benches and Picnic Table Project (propose funding by Memorial donations for 2024-26); Hebron Select Board Budget Review scheduled for February 22, 2024 @ 7:10pm
- 5. No March 2024 Newsletter
- 6. Other business:
 - a. Proposed Committee name change to: "Hebron Common Landscaping Committee."
 - b. Propose "AMERICA 250TH CELEBRATION on July 4th, 2026; begin planning for Granite stone base at bottom of flagpole, with design of Compass Rose or 5-Point star with flood lights; recommend upgrade of the Commemorative 1976 Bi-Centennial Plaque on the Hebron Small Common;

Next Meeting: 3/14/24

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kohout, Secretary Hebron Common Landscaping Committee