

HEBRON LANDSCAPING & PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE MEETING
DRAFT MINUTES – 11/10/22, 12/8/22 accepted with amendments
DATE: January 19, 2023

Present: Fred Kohout, Chair; Bif (Raymond) Wisner, Vice Chair, Mavis Brittelli; Paul Falzarano; Garry Lahey (absent); Barbara Kohout, Secretary;

Meeting called to order at 5pm. Ended 6:44pm. (Meeting from 1/12/23 postponed to today)

- Administrative Review
 - Spreadsheet: Tree Survey Update (11/15/22); Proposed Trees-Cost List, Committee Member's Contact Information;
 - Review of Select Board Charge for the Committee including updating the Tree Survey (of 2016), discussing desirable trees to replant, potentially adding a playground, renovating or replacing the Gazebo and disguising the wellhead;
- Review of 2016 Town Common Tree Survey
 - Completed a Hebron Common site visit (12/15/22) then Tree Survey Update Spreadsheet (V1) completed and reviewed today;
 - No response from Hebron Newsletter item in December looking for persons responsible for 3 new trees planted on the Common; need to identify date and by whom;
 - Detailed specific trees to be removed (3), and missing trees (9);
- Discussion of specific new trees (6-8):
 - Since the White Birch is the NH State Tree, it is a good choice; Mavis offered to donate White Birch saplings from her property if cost/benefit is reasonable;
 - Other trees to consider (at least 2.5 – 3" in diameter): Red Maple--Autumn Blaze & October Glory, Northern Red Oak, Pin Oak, European Beech & White Kousa Dogwood; Scarlet Oak (hardy, colorful);
 - Possible Shrubs: Dappled Willow, Japanese Red Maple, Varigated Red Twig; Hosta;
 - Decided against more Sugar Maples as there are already 6 and the most expensive; deleted more Flowering Crab as there are already 4 trees;
 - Daffodils: Planted already by Kohouts (Fall 2022) in 4 locations around rocks on the Common;
- Cost Estimate Trees Purchase: by Marc Braley, new Trees (6-8): range \$4500-5,000; TLC estimate pending;
- Cost estimates for Tree and Stumps Removal: Ariel \$2300; John Faucher, TLC and BartlettTree Experts, estimates pending;
- Town Building Emergency Generator: Recommend painting White to match building (currently orange);

- Gazebo:
Consider moving current Gazebo to near Hebron Police/Fire Building or new Community Center; requires roof and other repairs;
Recommend new construction, enlarging from current 14 ft octagon to up to 20 ft;
Reviewed Rumney DIY Gazebo Project design and budget; Cost in 2016 @ \$18K;
2023 Cost estimates for new 20 ft octagonal design: \$30-35K;
Will need Warrant Article;
- Playground Discussion:
Concerns were discussed including significant costs to build and insure, need for extensive review and planning for construction and safety considerations (too near roads, need for rubber mulch \$800/100cu ft), possible limited use during only Gazebo functions (a few weekends seasonally) and one Hebron Fair day (July); evaluate need for use;
NOTE: Need to seek additional guidance for planning from Select Board;
- Wellhead Cover: Discussed options for covering with variety of materials (granite, blocks, or wood) and design; cost range ~ \$1000-2000; option to have running water access (seasonal); consider including cost with Gazebo Warrant Article;
- Action Items:
 1. Final decision for new tree selections on Town Common plot plan; include water lines on plot plan (contact John Fischer);
 2. Research Gazebo variety of designs and obtain cost estimates from Fifth Room, Reeds Ferry, and other local Contractors as alternative DIY builders;
 3. Review plot plan and new trees/shrubs proposal with Historic Committee, Hebron Fair Committee and Community – Library Building Committee;
 4. Need cost estimates for ongoing landscaping maintenance, including tree trimming and fertilization;
 5. Lawn Care: Newfound Lawncare estimate: five annual fertilizations \$4200, plus \$3000 to include lime, aeration & overseeding; Total \$7200;
 6. Timeline: Prepare final HCLPC Proposal to Select Board by no later than early March 2023;

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kohout, Secretary

Next meeting: 2/9/23