

Building Committee

Landscaping sub-committee meeting

April 29, 2013

Present: Leah Smith, Linda Hearn, Barbara Day, Margaret Logue, Tim Boland, Nelia Decker
Guests: John Hoff, Hunter Moorman, Cathy Brannen, Beth Kramer

1. Minutes from the April 4 meeting approved unanimously.
2. Hunter wanted to remind us that the inner part of the NW corner of library building has been spoken for as a memorial garden.
3. Norway maple discussion:
 - a. Tim presented an evaluation of the Norway maples by two arborists: Ian Jochems and Stephen Masterson. In a nut shell: they should be removed sooner rather than later. (see attached)
 - b. #3, 4 and 6 trees should be removed before construction begins on the parking lot. Tim will put up a parking lot boundary line so that it is more easily viewed. Tim and Linda will meet with Mike Burke and John Christiansen to discuss. Those trees are on the plan for eventual removal, but given the scope of the parking lot, it seems necessary to change the timetable and remove them as the site is prepared for the lot. Tree protection has never been set up for those trees.
 - c. The cost to remove those 3 trees would be \$3750 if done from inside the fence, more if done from the Field Gallery side.
4. Irrigation: John Hoff reported that the water from the well is sufficient for irrigation if mostly done during off hours of the Library.
 - a. Phase #1: pipes-getting ready for 4-5 zones: center aisles, bioswales and pipes for spigots in the very back. John estimated \$5,000 (4 zones plus \$1,000) as a rough estimate. Pipe would be laid before asphalt is down, perhaps while septic is put in.
 - b. Phase #2 would include the South (children's) and North (terrace) sides: the two phases added together somewhere between \$5-10K. John will get figures within the next couple of weeks, reaching out to Pat Burke who also does irrigation.
 - c. We need to figure on irrigating all of the lawn areas to get the seed started as well as avoiding the type of lawn we had before construction began. John will look into a conservation mix for the lawn.
5. Planting of the area between the Field Gallery and the Library could be done in the fall. Volunteers have offered to help clean up the site so that it looks intentional: mulch, pulling of briars and removing dead branches. Tim would also like to include two points of access across the rain gardens, putting them in before the gardens are established. We will get permission from the Selectmen, Tim will handle.
6. Beth and Linda will bring this new info re: pipe laying and tree removal to the Building Committee meeting on Wed.
Our next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 8:30AM Monday at the Town Hall.