

Building Committee

Landscaping Sub-Committee DRAFT

Meeting 9.13.12

Present: Barbara Day, Linda Hearn, Margaret Logue, Leah Smith, Nelia Decker

Guest: Hunter Moorman

1. Minute approval will take place at a future meeting.
2. Tree removal (Norway Maples):
 - a. Linda will withdraw her request that an article regarding the tree removal be on the Warrant for the next Town Meeting.
 - b. The Selectmen have scheduled a site review prior to their next meeting . Tim Boland will be there to present more information. Leah will call Tim Maley, Chris Morse has offered to be there, Nelia invited John Hoff as the current manager of the library landscape. The landscaping co is clear on the need to remove the invasive trees and have the ability to replace them with native, non-invasive species.
 - c. Leah will talk to Joyce Bowker re: the Norway Maples that are causing damage to the Howes House.
 - d. Our responsibility to the project is to install the pavers and the bioswales as we have promised, we will work with the selectmen to make sure that these elements will work the way they need to. It is important to address the landscape as a whole-the Gallery and the Library lot-creating an attractive visual barrier between the two properties.
 - e. How can we encourage the Selectmen to take a leadership role in the Norway Maple issue-do we have to consider all of the trees in town? Would this be a long term project for the tree warden? Leah will call Richard Knable to chat and see if Jeremiah Brown, the tree warden, could come to the site visit.
 - f. How many Norway Maples are we leaving for shade and structure on the property?
3. The Plant giveaway: we have decided to give the plants away rather than sell them. The Town gets first dibs as surplus property, so they will be invited to come on Friday Oct 12. Tom Clark is doing an inventory which will be given to Jen Rand. Sue Silva has offered to help as well as John Hoff.
4. Gift Gardens: small, focused gardens as opportunities for donors-along with pathways, sundials and benches. We need more information re: each individual garden, and the ConCom needs to see plans and approve of the planting of the east meadow.
5. Concerns about shade along the north corridor, water runoff and the general narrow and steep nature of that part of the property . She would like to find out how the sun would hit that area, and the height of the building. Does Clara B. have a formula that would tell us this info? Leah will pass on the question at the Bld Co. meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10AM, but members strolled the property looking for likely spots for memorial benches and gardens.