

Building Committee

Landscaping Subcommittee: Draft minutes

Meeting 10.4.2012

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

Guest: Beth Kramer

Absent: Tim Boland, Barbara Day, Carlos Montoya

Minutes approved from previous meetings: 8/16, 8/23, 8/30 and 9/13 2012.

Beth reported on her most recent meeting with the Selectmen: She went before them to seek approval to remove two dying Norway Maples that are on the north side of the parking lot. They told her that they want to see a comprehensive plan for the whole site before giving approval to remove any more trees. We realize now that a comprehensive site plan should have been in place before any requests for tree removal were made, and understood that the architects had asked someone to take care of that early on. It was never presented. Conrad and Richard will be talking to see if Chris Alley can prepare a site plan, or if not him who? Even though this may be dealt with before the next Building Committee meeting, the landscaping committee made the following recommendation:

The Landscaping committee passed a resolution to ask the Building Committee to ask the architects for a comprehensive site plan, PDQ, including which trees need to be removed in terms of the entire project and what is a range of trees that will be planted in their place.

We understand that Jeremiah Brown has a two part plan: Part one: 2 trees that are diseased (the one near the bus stop on the road and one of the two trees next to the Howes House) and 4 small trees should be removed. Part 2: JB will get estimates for removing the split Norway Maples as well as the two dying trees on the north side. He will also come up with a comprehensive plan and prioritize the removal schedule of other trees, not making a recommendation to remove or not-just getting prices and

Linda presented a Bioswale packet that showed bioswales in other locations and how they might look.

Plant Giveaway: Dig Safe will come soon and Jen will be called after they have marked the lines. She is coming to collect plants for the Town Hall. Sue Silva, Beth, Nelia, John Hoff, Tom Clark, Leah and Linda will be available on the plant giveaway day. Beth will turn off the gas before the plants are dug. Linda will invite Trustees to come to the plant giveaway.

Rock Wall: Nelia will call David Merry to see if he will move them as a donation to the library or for a small fee. Nelia will send names of volunteers to Nancy Cole to include in Thank you ad.

Next meeting: TBA