

Building Committee

Landscaping Sub Committee 11.1.12

Present: Linda Hearn, Tim Boland, Nelia Decker, Margaret Logue

Absent: Leah Smith, Carlos Montoya, Barbara Day

Guest: Beth Kramer

1. Nelia will send all the minutes to Tara that were approved last month. She will also send the minutes from Oct 4 meeting to all the members. They will be considered at the next meeting, TBA.
2. Linda will send a thank you note to David Merry for removing the stone wall.
3. Beth will tell Nick Van Ness that he can dig up the Vitex. Tim said the crabapple is not worth saving.
4. Good news from the Selectmen's meeting: trees #1 and 2 near the Howes House, #7 and small #10-13 will be removed immediately. Within the next year #4 will be removed, before the bioswales are in place. Tim will check in with Jeremiah Brown who will have a plan to remove and replace all the trees to see if the Landscaping Committee can meet with him to see the plan. The next step is to go before the Historic Committee, Linda will check with them about filing papers for a public hearing. We will check with JB to see about the removal of #14 and #15-we think those are planned to be removed within the year, also due to the bioswale. As a committee, we need to be ready to support JB with his plan and the next phase of tree removal and replacement. Tim showed us a great photo of Norway Maple tree roots escaping their root barriers, along with a photographic image of how the tree removal and replacement will look. Ginny Jones has said she will pay for a tree replacement for #4, though we discussed the likelihood of the project budget covering the removal of that tree rather than the Town budget. Though the Town is responsible for much of the tree removal cost, the building committee/library is responsible for planning, planting and maintenance of the gardens.
5. Tim would like to have a blown up/scalable picture of the bioswales and the parking lot center planting area. Beth will ask Ted to send those. Tim can then draw circles of plantings that would work and get a sense of the number and scale of plants needed. The plants in the bioswales will be smaller than the plantings in back of them and car friendly.
6. Tim will begin to create a list of plants that will back up the bioswale on the Field Gallery side. He is thinking of two Linden trees, rather than maples.
7. The back gardens: we will start to plan them. The current thinking for the Conservation area is to plant grass (Freedom Lawn: Cape Cod Mix) that can be mowed easily and played on by children, rather than an elaborate native planted area which would require more care. Our mantra for planting is to keep it simple, for maintenance and cost reasons. Oudens/Ello and Mr. Marks are responsible for the site plan (which we have) that clear shows the work needed to ready the site for the building. The landscaping committee is responsible for plantings after the building construction. We are considering a mirror memorial garden opposite Paula's garden in

the back left hand corner, the North Terrace will be a hard surface with the possibility of potted plants. Tim would like to better understand the drainage/grading that will be happening on that north side, so he would like to be a part of that discussion when it comes up at the building committee level. Beth will ask Chris Alley to get those plans to Tim.

8. We discussed the future idea of the Field Gallery, the Library and the Howes House all being considered one campus with plantings that complement and lead into one another. We will definitely need a new contract with John Hoff if he continues to work with us. The Friends have been paying that in the past and we will be asking them to consider it in the future.

Meeting adjourned at 10AM, with a continued field trip to the back yard.

Next meeting TBA.