

# Building Committee

## Landscaping Sub-committee 9/30/2013

Present: Leah Smith, Tim Boland, Nelia Decker

Absent: Linda Hearn, Margaret Logue, Barbara Day

Guests: Cheryl Doble, Hunter Moorman, Beth Kramer, John Hoff

1. Minutes of the Sept 9<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved. Nelia will send to Tara.
2. Discussion of the North Terrace:
  - a. Paths: the stone dust path: needs steel edging all along its sides and will go from the concrete/path stairs towards and through the back east meadow area. It is important to have stone/concrete leading into the building so as to avoid dust being tramped in. Asphalt paving is not being considered. The path will be concrete leading from the parking lot, and concrete will extend from the bike rack to the path in a smooth line. Handicapped access to the North Terrace/library doors needs to be in place to pass inspection.
  - b. Stairs: will be concrete without cheeks most likely. Plantings will be used to hold the dirt back and in the area between the stairs and the corner of the building, plants can be used to soften that edge. The stairs and the wall go hand in hand.
  - c. Terrace paving: a more geometrical with blue stone slabs with space in between for drainage. The tilt of the ground will be slightly away from the building and the blocks will be squares that are of varying size. This paving takes away the need for a path that runs along the side of the building.
  - d. Retaining wall: The wall will definitely be cement and short enough to sit on, running from the side of the stairs almost the length of the building. There was the suggestion of capping the wall with blue stone. We didn't determine exactly what is at the non stair end of the retaining wall, other than earth and plants. There will be a way to access the Teen patio from the North Terrace patio.
  - e. Funding: John Hoff is going to get back to us with an estimate of the North Terrace work: the wall and stair way would be handled by Nauset, the terrace stones and the stone dust path would be handled by the WTLF post construction, however there is an estimate of putting in an asphalt path and money designated to pay for that which would be put towards the stone dust and concrete path. We need to see how much is in the contingency budget and what the WTLF is able to pay for.
3. Cheryl, Lil and Tim will meet will meet to discuss plants and planting schedule .
4. Planting area notes:
  - a. The SE corner is seen as a dynamic planted area with seasonal/changing plants.

- b. The meadow will need maintenance, weeding as well as mowing. Lil's ideas to plant in masses will make it easier. Along the edge of the meadow will be a butterfly/pollinator garden.
  - c. No need to place the boulders in the children's porch garden immediately, there is access for machinery. Those stones could be taken from the old stone wall. John will also let us know what costs will be for the granite stepping stones in that area.
  - d. John will also give us an estimate for paths and any hardscape necessary for the Memorial Garden
  - e. Trash container (wooden, enclosed) is planned to be moved from the north east corner of the parking lot to the south east corner-better access for trash pick up.
5. Central walk way planting area:
- a. Venting pipes: it is unacceptable to this committee that the large gooseneck pipes remain in place. We realize that there will still be remaining pipes, and Cheryl made the point: wondering if it is worth it to move just two out of the five pipes that will be visible. The cost to move the two largest pipes is \$22,000, moving them to the southern side of the parking lot beyond the rain garden bed. The cost to mushroom cap those two largest pipes would cost \$3600-not an acceptable alternative for this committee. There was a discussion about the need for the architects to take some responsibility for not letting us know that those pipes would be so visible and so badly placed-given that the landscape architects renderings of that area don't show ANY pipes, and Patrick admitted in a building committee meeting that the visibility of the pipes also caught them by surprise. Disguising the pipes is not really an option as the bed has been designed to not include tall shrubs-for visibility and aesthetics. The current placement of the large gooseneck pipes is also unacceptable to the donor of these beds.
  - b. Trees: there was a discussion about the number of trees able to be planted would be lessened by the location of the pipes, and the need for shade in the parking lot. The trees planted their need to have shallow roots, Tim is thinking about Beetlebung, with a shape that is the same for each tree with the canopy starting at about the same place for each tree.
  - c. Beth will get Tim a 1/4" scale plan of the parking lot with the beds.
6. Cheryl brought up the fact that she is not a Massachusetts licensed landscape architect and that we may want to have these designs stamped by someone who is. Beth/Lea will find out if it is necessary.
7. Hunter would really like to have a sense of the landscaping schedule and the phases of when things are going to be put in place. He would also like to be able to attach ball park figures to the various gardens: this would all be useful and necessary information for the WTLF. To that end, John Hoff is going to work on estimates for the North Terrace, the stone dust path, the Memorial Garden, the children's garden-Cheryl will draw more detail into these areas for him. The teen patio was discussed, it needs to be redrawn because Cheryl didn't know where the outside door was. He also brought up that we need to be thinking about outdoor furniture and what kind of theme or design we are going for. Informally we thought that a combination of granite and sustainable teak would be a good place to start. Nelia will check with Carol Brush

whose son deals with importing teak, Vineyard Pool and Spa was also mentioned as a vendor. Nelia will also chat with Simon Hickman who originally built little Alleys, to see how to proceed with refurbishing that structure.

Our next meeting is scheduled for October 8, Tuesday, at 8:30 at PHA.

Submitted by Beth Kramer and Nelia Decker