

Building Committee

Landscaping sub-committee meeting 6/10/2013

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

Guests: John Hoff, Cathy Brannen, Hunter Moorman, Beth Kramer

1. Minutes from the June 3d meeting approved unanimously.
2. John Hoff will continue to try and get numbers from Patrick, but feels confident in the \$8-10 thousand quote that will provide:
 - a. Two spigots with pipes laid underground that extend to the far eastern side of the lot.
 - b. Irrigation for all the lawn areas
 - c. Irrigation for the rain gardens, the center walkway, the former bus area, the south side and the beds on the eastern side of the building.
 - d. Pipes installed under the asphalt in order to get water to the beds.

Who will be double checking the work as Nauset lays pipes for irrigation? Are the sleeves included in the price of the contract? Hunter needs to know a general plan for the irrigation system, where and how it is laid, the cost and the sequence of installation. We also need to get a price for a backflow device: this separates the interior water from the outside water to keep the outside water from flowing into and corrupting the interior water systems. Is it included in the contract cost? And what would it cost? Linda will find out. Hunter will write a proposal for donors re: the irrigation system and send to John for editing.

3. Knotweed: The sifted pile is growing knotweed shoots at a rate that precludes the desirability to take that soil and spread it around the property. The pile had been originally planned to be sifted and then buried very deeply. As burial is not an option, and it is clear that sifting by itself did not stop the knotweed from growing, the dirt needs to be shipped off island and disposed of properly. Nauset's appraisal of the cost is \$50K. Beth will explore trucking options, and the possibility of using funds from the Green Community fund. It is clear that the knotweed challenge facing the Library is a smaller example of the larger issue facing the Town and the Island. Invasive plants and animals along with habitat fragmentation are the two greatest threats to native plants and species. **This committee voted to tell the Building Committee that the soil screening process for the Japanese knotweed was not effective because we can't bury it. We recommend to the Building Committee that the affected dirt be trucked off island ASAP.** We discussed the idea that the additional cost could come out of the contingency fund, though there may be a mechanism that allows the Foundation to cover the cost as monies become available to them. Nelia will include the knotweed articles with these minutes after their approval.
4. Tim Boland and Laura Coit are continuing with their plant planning work, and as the pace of the work needs to be picked up, Tim has reached out to other plant experts for help. Lil Provence, Brian Loller, Matt Pellikan and Cheryl Dobler will help with time lines, drawings and plans. This not only allows the work to move a little faster, it incorporates other organizations and people

into the library project, drawing on their expertise and experience. We reiterated the need for the drawings of the East meadow to be done soon in order to have a plan for the Conservation Commission. Tim gave us some dates in August that PHA is available for donor presentations: August 8-14 and the 17-20th. Other dates in July may be available.

5. Tree donations were discussed: John Hoff, Ginny Jones, Beth and Tim have offered donations of trees. Two of the beetlebung in the center walkway need to be replaced with magnolias because of the water suppression tanks and tree root considerations. Perhaps a beetlebung can be planted near the former bus stop.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday June 24th at 8:30AM at the Town Hall. Beth will reserve the room.