

## Building Committee

Landscaping Committee: 1.06.2014

Present: Linda Hearn, Margaret Logue, Barbara Day, Tim Boland, Leah Smith, Cheryl Doble  
Guests: Hunter Moorman, John Hoff, Beth Kramer, Ted Desrosiers

Minutes from meeting of 11/25/2013 were unanimously approved. Minutes from 12.16.2013 were approved with one abstention.

Sitting Committee minutes (attached) were discussed. This meeting covered how many pieces of furniture and location as well as the timing of furniture purchase. Cheryl suggested that once hardscape has been done we go to the site with folding chairs and determine quantity and placement.

Linda met with Joyce Bowker who explained that the discussion should be with the Friends of the Up Island Council on Aging (rather than the Board). Their main concern is restoring the path in the back of the building and landscaping around the NSTAR pull box outside of Joyce's window. The pavers from the path were saved. Trees that were removed in the rear of Howes House need to be planted. (Kousa Dogwood, American Holly?)

Plans need to go before the Town Historic Commission.

The Friends of both the UICOA and Library have historically been paying for landscaping respectively. It was discussed that Jen is thinking about going for a town bid for landscaping this spring. Landscaping Committee should meet with Jen to discuss the unique landscaping at the library.

Conservation Committee Meeting on 2/11/14: The final plan for the conservation area presentation.

A master plan (with fine detail left to the Landscaping Committee) was discussed that encompasses the whole property. Cheryl said that she would be willing to do this. She also said that she would work with Lil to detail the east garden for pricing.

Hunter asked for everything to come together.

- Planting costs to trees
- Additional trees needed
- Additional plants needed
- Labor to plant everything

Oakleaf Landscape was tasked with unloading the trees at the library when they are delivered.

The prices are Polly Hill member prices.

The plants will range from plugs to 1 gallon containers.

The use of plugs was considered to be explained in the signage

John is to bring completed prices to the next meeting on 1/27/14

Waldron property needs to be planted in the first phase.

The safety of the cross walk was discussed. John Hoff will meet with the Planning Board to get their backing. He would also like the endorsement of the Building Committee before going before the Selectmen. Better signage and possible relocation were discussed. Cheryl and John will look at this.

Cheryl discussed how to appropriately mark the Woods/Noons meadow. Something that would set the tone of the garden – recognizing the essence of their donation and the interrelationship between civic responsibility and natural landscapes; e.g. a quotation or phrase on a stone marker. This would be at the beginning of the path with interpretive signs later along the path. She also discussed laying the route down next summer; then planting and the possible addition of a Ben Cabot sculpture – discussed how important placement is and in terms of education, how important it is to tie the site in with the larger environment. Linda pointed out that all of this should be in the plan. Discussion about the Foundation possibly fundraising for this sculpture.

John spoke again about the beech tree that he has as the planting for that area. Cheryl will look at it. Pruning of the Norway Maple that is adjacent to this area.

North Terrace-

The North Terrace was moved into one of the later phases. There will not be a wall or a patio. It will be grass and some plantings. The stonedust walking path will still be there.

We then discussed the Edey grant that will provide interpretive signs for the plants and gardens themselves (working with the Nature Conservancy – explaining the Habitat network and its value). (Need Lil's plans for this – Cheryl will get in touch with Lil).

Tim has written to the Greg Barron and Sarah Murphy (new neighbors) about working together to clean up areas that are infested with overgrown invasive plants and replant with native plants. He has not yet heard back.

Signage – needs to be completed by opening day

- Children's Room
- Collage Composition
- Phasing explanation

Tim has offered to work with Laura to develop these signs.

Committee discussed the pile of earth in the east. This should not be moved till the soil has dried out (April?) so that the drainage capacity of the soil is not damaged.

Tim presented material costs for plants and trees. These did not include labor, etc. Materials for the Habitat Garden and the Children's rock garden were not included.

Estimate for plants is approx. \$10k; estimate for trees approx. \$2k.

Also discussed need to provide some screening on Eleanor Waldron's property. Tim will meet with Eleanor soon. Discussed removing arbor vitae on N side – possibly replacing with a fence(?)

Discussed butterfly garden possibly S of fire access road in Children's area or in planters on deck. These planters also will need to be purchased.

Our next Landscaping meeting is scheduled for Jan 27, 2014 at 8:30 at PHA.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kramer

With lots of help from Ted Derosiers of OakLeaf

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Landscape Sub-committee/ Sitting Committee

Notes 1/2/14

Lil Province, Hunter Moorman, Beth Kramer, Nelia Decker

We determined the areas that need furniture and how many pieces:

The back area (Woods/Noons):

2 benches-backless along the path: approx 5' long

2 curved benches-with backs and armrests to make a semi circle

Children's porch:

3 adult blue Adirondack chairs and 4 kid Adirondack chairs (we already own 1 adult chair) Cost of adult chair: \$356, kid chair: \$197

SW inside corner (deBraganza)

3 benches at 5'

NW inside corner (Strauss)

1 bench-5'

1 chair

1 stone feature (bird bath, bench, table)

North Terrace

3 benches with backs: 1 at 6', 2 at 4'

We are thinking to reuse the 3 tables and chairs with umbrellas and possibly situating them on the south side, off the "road". We are planning on not situating the furniture until the late spring, when the hardscape and grasses have been planted. We will tie it to John Hoff's schedule and do a walk through with Tim to measure the different areas in Feb/March. We will ask Whit Brush for an estimate based on the number of pieces, the size of each and a style: Chelsey. Overall, the thinking is "less is more" while honoring the need to respect donor requests.

Phase 2: perhaps a bench surrounding a tree in the front, a granite bench in the former bus stop area, furniture in the teen patio.