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Landscaping Committee
October 28, 2013
Polly Hill Arboretum

Attendance: Linda Hearn (Chair), Leah Smith, Margaret Logue, Tim Boland, Cheryl Doble, Barbara Day

Public: Lil Provence, John Hoff

Meeting began at 8:30.

Cheryl explained that she had met with John Hoff regarding estimates and the changes in materials in the North Terrace. Cheryl showed the Committee about the changes in this area including cement in place of asphalt and the introduction of blue stone and stone dust.

Cheryl then presented two options for the children's area:

- A rock garden with large rocks for kids to play on – ferns or lichen or grasses growing up around – with granite steps
- Granite blocks with stone steps in middle

Committee preferred her first option

Then Cheryl presented four options for the area outside of YA:

- Stone and outdoor chairs (she noted that no matter which treatment is chosen, must allow for drainage into this corner)
- Cobbled or steel edge with stone dust
- Granite blocks to sit on (18" or so high) – this would align with granite blocks in children's area
- Stone (half) wall that would allow for seating with a bench – blue stone

Committee asked John to price out these options as a ballpark

John suggested that we look into a Ben Cabot stone sculpture in the kid's area – idea for Foundation

For the Woods/Noon garden – benches (with an engraving – perhaps a quotation?) or flat stone for seating or a combination of stone and plantings – trees in this area (*Magnolia virginiana*?)

Wood benches along the path –

Cheryl also spoke about a different band of stone (same family) to demarcate the area in North Terrace. She suggested that we reinstate the cheek wall that had been value-engineered out (Beth will let Building Committee – Nauset – know).

Linda invited interested parties to attend the ConComm meeting on 11.12. Discussion about the type of grass that will be planted once the large mound of dirt in the back has been removed.

Tim spoke about the grant from the Edey Foundation for signage (Beth will ask Hunter to send them a note about the project status)

He spoke with John about a mat to stabilize where the bioswales will be (a biodegradable mat) –

Tim also spoke about the zonation of different plantable zones and about how Seth will be approaching knotweed in the future.

Discussion of using the mushroom cap on the air intake valves once they have been moved to the north of the parking lot rather than the goose neck (since these will probably now be located in one of the bioswales)

Next meeting November 4th at 8:30 at the Cow Barn.

Meeting adjourned at 10 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Kramer