

Building Committee

Landscaping sub-committee minutes

1/26/2015

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

Guests: Hunter Moorman, Beth Kramer, John Hoff, Lil Province

1. Minutes from October 20th approved.
2. The application for funding from the Community Preservation committee for the North Terrace was rejected. We will be looking to the WTL Foundation for funding with more planning and putting it out to bid. Cheryl has a plan for this area and we will also discuss with Tucker about ideas when he returns: drainage, etc.
3. There are drainage issues where the parking lot meets the fire truck road on the south side of the building. John will look into and correct it when the ground can be worked.
4. Invasives on the south side: the estimate from John is for \$3,750. Tim and John will work together flagging and removing what is allowed, working to the side-not including the slope. We imagine that the ConCom meeting regarding the Barron/Murphy property will be postponed, but we have permission from ConCom and the Barron/Murphy families to proceed.
5. Discussion about the need for a unified maintenance plan and a budget for keeping the invasives at bay on the south and north sides of the property. Each year should be less as the plants are controlled.
6. Tim handed out two lists of plants which Lil will review and reserve the ones she wants for our project: the children's butterfly garden and the Vineyard habitat plantings.
7. Also discussed again: plantings that will cover the concrete face of the handicap ramp, and how the Vineyard Habitat garden can include Little Alleys.
8. Beth and Hunter both asked for budget information:
 - a. Beth: for her Friends' meeting next week: she needs a narrative along with figures for maintenance of the entire landscaping project, what has to be done in each area as well as the whole property.
 - b. Hunter: needs budget info re: new aspects of the project
 - i. Children's butterfly garden
 - ii. Invasives: first control effort on the south side and continued maintenance on the north and south sides (knotweed in particular)
 - iii. Memorial garden/Vineyard Habitat plantings
 - iv. North Terrace
 - v. Drainage issue
 - vi. Plantings along the handicap ramp amongst the Junipers-to make it more interesting
 - vii. Continue to try and screen the Library to the extent possible given the terrain and the size of the building from the Waldron property. We discussed Columnar

Tree-grows like a pencil shape, taking very little space along with ground cover to control erosion.

viii. Lil, John and Tim will come up with pricing for maintenance.

9. Tim praised John's crew and all the work they did-everyone concurred.
10. Discussion of the benches: memorial benches already purchased will be sited in the spring. We will look into the semi-circular benches for the Woods/Noons' site, John suggested something more rustic that would fit better. Brief mention of granite vs wooden benches in the Vineyard Habitat landscape.
11. The Teen patio-we will see if it makes sense to include it in the North Terrace hardscape plan or to wait until everything is finished. Perhaps it could appeal to a specific donor.
12. Beth mentioned that rain barrels will be installed to catch water to be used for irrigation.
13. The Japanese Maple that is being donated needs a protected area to thrive in and would look best in a more cultivated setting. We will suggest an area near the Howes' House or perhaps in a space near the sculpture garden.
14. Discussion of an additional path through the rain garden on the south side-we will observe the summer traffic and see where best to place it.

Our next meeting is scheduled for the first Monday in March, 8:30AM.