

Village Green Committee
Wednesday, July 29, 2020
Zoom meeting at 3PM
Minutes

Present: Gail Cromwell, Connie Kieley, Robin Downes, Felicia Sartell, Carol Mamczak, Honey Hastings (until 3:10)

Absent: Matt Cabana

Gail called the meeting to order at 3:00PM and noted that we were meeting with special rules under NH RSA 91-A. She confirmed that the meeting is publicly accessible. All voting is to be by roll call.

Gail mentioned that she had treated the new elm on the Common with Captain Jack's Dead Bug Brew and it appears to have worked.

Library Landscaping Proposal – Gail reported that Weston Nurseries will give us wholesale pricing on a large quantity of Blue Rug Juniper should we decide to plant them. She estimated that we would need up to 24 plants; they will cost between \$19. and \$22. each.

Options discussed included combining juniper with phlox and thyme, creating a row of thyme across the top of the hill, moving phlox and thyme to border garden or to the “too steep to mow” area. Several members expressed the importance of providing for pollinators. It was thought that combining plants would become messy and difficult to maintain, something we are trying to correct. If the trustees removed the Siberian Iris, the phlox and thyme could be used as groundcovers in the border garden. Azaleas would look nice in the border garden. Further discussion of the border garden was limited as we acknowledged that the trustees will be making those decisions. Some of the points mentioned in Honey's email (attached) were discussed. We discussed how this project could be managed and funded by the VGC. It was thought that the VGC could purchase plants from the trust fund and the remaining cost for labor and mulch could come from the VGC town budget. It is possible that the highway department will be able to grade the soil before planting, and more topsoil could be added if needed.

Motion by Connie, 2nd by Robin to approve the expenditure of up to \$1000. for this project with the plant purchases covered by the VGC trust fund and the remaining cost of labor and materials such as mulch covered by the VGC town budget.

Roll call vote: Robin - y, Carol - y, Connie - y, Peggy - y, Felicia - y, Gail - y (unanimous)

The motion will be included in the proposal to the library trustees. The trustees have expressed interest in a joint meeting with the VGC on site next week to discuss the proposal and have suggested 5PM. Due to commitments, we are able to meet at 6PM on Tuesday, 8/4 or if they meet at 5PM, a few VGC members will attend.

Motion by Connie, 2nd by Gail to proceed with the current proposal to the library trustees as the plan currently states and include cost to implement and intention to manage.

Roll call vote: Robin – y, Carol – y, Connie – y, Peggy – y, Felicia – y, Gail – y (unanimous)

Discussion of paragraph to be added included the wording we all agreed on; Gail will update the drawing to clarify the “too steep to mow” area. Carol will update the written document.

Motion by Gail, 2nd by Robin to adopt the revised document as part of the VGC presentation to the library trustees.

Roll call vote: Robin - y, Carol - y, Connie - y, Peggy - y, Felicia - y, Gail - y (unanimous)

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Motion by Connie, 2nd by Gail to accept the minutes of 7/21/2020 as written.

Roll call vote: Robin – y, Carol – y, Connie – y, Peggy – y, Felicia – y, Gail – y (unanimous)

Motion by Gail, 2nd by Felicia to adjourn.

Roll call vote: Robin – y, Carol – y, Connie – y, Peggy – y, Felicia – y, Gail – y (unanimous)

The meeting concluded around 3:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Mamczak
VGC Secretary