

Village Green Committee  
April 9, 2020 10 AM  
Zoom meeting  
Minutes

Present: Gail Cromwell, Connie Kieley, Robin Downes, Honey Hastings, Carol Mamczak, Felicia Sartell, Peggy Cournoyer joined at 10:30, Guest: Julie McAdoo  
Absent: Kathy Fedorka, Matt Cabana

Meeting began at 10:01. Gail read special rules under NH RSA 91-A. All voting is to be by roll call.

**Election of officers** - Connie nominated Gail for Chairperson, second by Carol.  
Roll call vote: Ayes – Connie, Robin, Honey Carol, Felicia, Gail

Honey nominated Carol for Secretary, second by Gail. Discussion.  
Roll call vote: Ayes – Gail, Connie, Robin, Honey, Felicia, Carol

**Membership** - The VGC has been requested to submit membership and terms to the Board Assistant. Gail requested that Felicia, whose term is up, write an email indicating her preference that we can send to Select Board. Denise Collette does not wish to be renewed. Kathy Fedorka's term is up. Honey suggested that this matter be sorted out between meetings. We all agreed. Julie was invited to join the VGC either as a regular member or as an alternate. She will consider.

**Advertisement** – Gail read a proposed advertisement for the gardening position. This person will be supervised by VGC. Connie suggested amending the ad to add “gardening” to “landscaping”. Honey suggests using “gardening” instead of “landscaping”. Robin suggested “garden maintenance”, and that was agreeable to everyone. Gail alerted us that although the VGC has \$2000. line item, if town runs short of money, we may need to give back due to lack of tax revenue. Position will pay \$15. per hour and run spring through fall. How to advertise was discussed. Facebook, posters in Post Office and town, town website, newspaper (Ledger).

Advertisement

Part Time Gardening Position, Town of Temple

This is a part-time position for garden maintenance on various town properties such as the Village Common, Triangle, Municipal Building and Town Hall areas. No set hours, but applicant must be available from late spring to fall at mutually agreed upon times. Expect 4-10 hours per week.

Hourly rate: \$15.00

Apply to Village Green Committee, Town of Temple, PO Box 191, Temple NH 03084

Motion to accept the proposed advertisement with amendments by Connie,  
second by Robin

Roll call vote: Ayes – Gail, Connie, Honey, Robin, Felicia, Carol

**Purchase of replacement trees for the Common** - Discussion of removal of old trees. Gail clarified with Kent and Select Board. Kent requested a load of loam to repair the Common. Gail ordered and will cost about \$300. Honey clarified that we are removing three trees and replacing with two trees. Honey recommends at least one elm, choosing cultivars with excellent resistance to Dutch Elm Disease. Robin agrees. Gail claims a Valley Forge Elm that is rated "excellent resistance" is not available. Weston has Princeton Elm trees. Carol recommends two different varieties for balance and to avoid two of the same next to each other. Connie agrees that balance and symmetry is important. Julie likes the idea of a fruiting tree and suggested we could add that somewhere on the Common. We liked that idea and it was suggested for the lower common where the firehouse once stood. Felicia likes the idea of the Scarlet Oak with the Princeton Elm. Robin asked about acorns and we acknowledged that there will be some, although most will fall after mowing is done. There appeared to be consensus on one Princeton Elm and one Scarlet Oak. Peggy joined the Zoom meeting at this time. Gail asked Peggy for her comments. She expressed her desire to have only maples on the Common and that the townspeople be consulted along with another professional who is knowledgeable about trees.

Motion to buy one Princeton Elm and one Scarlet Oak by Gail, second by Carol.

Roll call vote: Ayes – Gail, Connie, Honey, Felicia, Robin, Carol Nay – Peggy

Julie commented that [Fedco](#) trees has an extensive catalog and is good when looking for particular cultivars. Honey spoke about the arrangement of oak and elm, considering the next planting when placing these. Gail will alert us when they are arriving and invite everyone who wants to participate.

Connie says we have \$5000. including the grant. \$1000. for the two trees. We have money to cover the other expenses such as mulch. Should we add a Sargent Cherry this year.

Motion to purchase Sargent Cherry this year and plant on lower Common by Carol, second by Robin

Roll call vote: Ayes – Gail, Connie, Honey, Robin, Felicia, Carol, Peggy

Next agenda should include flower purchases for town. Felicia will coordinate this. Robin asked about House By the Side of the Road instead of King Farm. Felicia will get pricing from both.

Next meeting is Wednesday, April 22 at 10 AM.

Motion to adjourn Gail, second by Connie

Roll call vote: Ayes – Gail, Connie, Honey, Felicia, Robin, Carol, Peggy

Meeting concluded at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Mamczak  
VGC Secretary