



## Rockport Parks and Beautification

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February 10, 2021 - 5:00 P.M. – via ZOOM and Livestream

In attendance: Haunani Wallace, Doug Cole, Sue Kauck, Mark Kelley, Sally Cook, Jan Baldwin, Steve Smith, Anna Remsen, Bill Post, Mike Young, Denise Munger, and Sandy Hurlbut.

### MINUTES:

**Approval of Minutes** Haunani moved to accept the minutes of the Jan. 13, 2021 meeting as written, Doug seconded, and the motion was approved.

### **Library Landscaping Contract and Progress Update**

The committee spent a considerable amount of time the alteration of the planting design and plan for the Library. Anna had reviewed her notes and copied everyone on the changes she and Lea Anne had worked out earlier this year including reducing the number of plants and cost reductions. We also discussed that the town was due credits for the bench changeout from wood to granite. The committee was notified by Mike Young that cost of the change in the plan that resulted in massive boulders forming a retaining wall was not being paid out of the \$95,000 donation for landscaping.

The committee agreed to recommend to Bill Post that all of the shrubs and perennials for the Limerock side of the library be purchased by the town and planted by committee members (i.e., not Rhino) to save expenses. The only exception would be that Rhino would be responsible for preparing the beds with appropriate material and compost, as well as preparing for, purchasing and planting the two crabapple trees and the kuosa dogwood tree. At this point in the meeting Bill Post had joined the meeting and encouraged the committee to find ways to cut costs where possible. It was agreed that Haunani and Doug would draft a memo to Bill Post indicating the changes to be made and that he would in turn meet with Mike from Rhino.

Landscaping on the Russell side of the building will be discussed when committee members have had a chance to conduct a site visit to survey the soil and boulder field situation and determine what is realistically possible for planting..

### **Update on Walker Park Plaque**

Mike reported that he is still working on locating a boulder for the plaque. Once he has one, he will seek approval from the committee.

### **Update on Mary Lea Park**

This topic was tabled until Doug can do more research and report to the committee at a subsequent meeting.

### **Update on Pamphlet Idea**

The committee enthusiastically complimented and thanked Sue for all the work that she and Jeff have done on the mock-up for the pamphlet thus far. Committee members with suggestions on the verbiage will forward their them to Sue. Bill Post asked for the committee to let him know how many copies it plans to print and he will see if the printer used by the Town would provide

a quote. Mike will research this. He also suggested that a copy of the pamphlet be mailed in the Rockport Resource to every household, which the committee agreed to consider.

### **Update on Master Plan For All Town Parks**

Due to time constraints, this topic was tabled until a future meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Budget**

The committee agreed to the increase in the budget to plant rhododendrons and add mulch along the property line between Memorial Park and Beth Davis' home.

Doug polled the committee about their preference between 2 "Welcome To Rockport" signs at either end of Rt 1 vs more benches for the parks, and the committee voted in favor of the benches. Haunani will communicate to Bill Post.

It was noted that Bill Post plans to move the \$10,000 for the restoration of the lime kilns into the capital budget for the Town.

#### **Holiday Wreaths**

Sandy pointed out that it is time to remove all the holiday wreaths around town and Mike said that he would have Public works take care of that.

#### **Adjournment**

Haunani moved to adjourn the meeting, Sandy seconded, and the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

#### **Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be Wed., March 10, 2021 at 5:00pm on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Hurlbut