



Rockport Parks and Beautification

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

In attendance: Haunani Wallace, Doug Cole, Bill Frolich, Sue Kauck, Mark Kelley, Sally Cook, Jan Baldwin, Eric Winters, Anna Remsen, Lea Anne Dunton, and Sandy Hurlbut. Guests: John & Maureen Cole

MINUTES:

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

Final Library Landscaping Plant List – Limerock Side

Doug has requested prices from Buck at Plants Unlimited and is awaiting word back. Doug stated that he did not purchase bonds because he is assuming that we will get the municipal discount. Anna raised the question about whether area around the electrical supply box needs landscaping. It was agreed that committee members will meet at the library on Monday, March 15, at 11am to view and discuss the whole site.

Update on DPW Loose Ends

In Mike Young's absence, Doug said that Mike is still trying to find rocks for the plaque at Walker Park. A meeting is scheduled for March 12 at WP where Mike, Haunani, and Doug will review. The committee agreed that a park sign similar to the signs being placed at other town parks (ex: existing sign at Mary Lea Park) should also be installed.

A discussion was held about the planned parking lot expansion at Cramer Park and a concern was raised that the ad hoc Planning Committee had not notified the Parks & Beautification Committee of these plans.

Sally mentioned that the steps to Marine Park from Pascal Avenue are not safe and erosion problems are continuing with heavy rainstorms. Haunani moved and Jan seconded that the committee make a recommendation to the Select Board that a fence be installed around the steps so that they could not be used. The motion passed unanimously. Haunani will also send a note to Bill Post about the recommendation.

Community Garden Concept

Doug presented a proposal for the development of a community garden in an unused portion of Marge Jones Recreational Facility for the citizens of Rockport.

Several points were brought up for consideration and Doug will review each for possible inclusion in the proposal. Those items were:

- * Insurance
- * Allowable plants - consider banning marijuana, invasive species
- * Source of plants - possibly prohibit transplanted items because of Winter Moth?
- * Include herbicides in list of prohibited products

Haunani moved and Sue seconded that the committee recommend to the Select Board the establishment of a community garden with all the parameters discussed. The motion passed unanimously and Mark agreed to address the fencing issue.

Follow-up on Pamphlet

The committee agreed on the final version of the wording, with the exception of deleting the word “Park” from the heading for Goodie’s Beach. The next step is to get quotes for the three color variations (B/W, 2 color, 3 color). Sue will contact Bill Post to get quotes from the printer the town uses; Sue & Jan will coordinate getting quotes from Staples; and Eric will get a quote from the printer his company uses.

Eric will forward a proposed map to Sue for review. The final draft will be sent to Haunani for distribution to the committee to discuss online.

Thoughts About Russell Avenue Side Of Library

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

NEW BUSINESS (old business)

Proposal For Concerts at Mary Lea Park

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

Adjournment

Sue moved to adjourn the meeting, Eric seconded, and the motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be Wed., April 14, 2021 at 5:00pm on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Hurlbut