

## **Rockport Parks and Beautification**

Minutes March 11, 2020

Richardson Room-Town Office-5:00 P.M.

In attendance: Haunani Wallace, Doug Cole, Steve Smith, Mark Kelley, Ben Blackmon, Denise Munger, Laurie Smith, Anna Remsen, Jan Baldwin and Bill Frolich. Guests were Keith Smith, Landscape Architect and Charlie Frattini of Phi Builders

### MINUTES:

We did not approve the minutes from February 12, 2020 at this time.

### INTRODUCTIONS:

New members, Laurie Smith and Jan Baldwin, and new alternate member Bill Frolich, were introduced. All are long term residents of Rockport.

### LANDSCAPE BID:

Keith Smith distributed the landscape bid set which we then discussed. He wants to work with our committee to pull everything together to include pole lighting, plantings, grass, benches, etc. He will also coordinate the work with Charlie..

1. Pole and landscape lighting: LED pole lights will match others in town. Doug has 15 landscape lights – recovered from the old library. Charlie mentioned the need for adequate lighting in handicapped parking area. Lights will aim down as to not shine into neighbor's homes.
2. Plaza paving: Techno-Bloc pavers and donor brick pavers will be used in a simple band layout in both Upper and Lower Plazas. Benches will be in both plazas.
3. Plantings: Keith detailed the types of trees, shrubs and flowers that will be planted. Plants will have continuing colors through the seasons and will be lower maintenance plants..."unfussy." Tall and broad arbor vitae will buffer the Youngs' side of the library. The Butterfly Garden will be taken care of by the Library Committee. We tabled discussion of where the fire hydrant should be located. Charlie said the plants should go in the ground in July, once his earth work is done. We discussed soaker hose.

4. Charlie will have estimate ready in about 3 weeks. If all approved, he will start landscape project by mid July. We thanked Keith for his work on the bid.

#### MEMORIAL PARK:

An anonymous donor has given \$10,000 for plantings for Memorial Park. Anna's plan shows planting 4 sugar maples, 1 balsam fir and 1 copper beech plus a buffer garden. Several existing trees will be transplanted or saved as is. Doug said we will need an additional \$10,000 for pole lights. Flag pole will stay. Before our next meeting, Anna will tweak some changes based on discussions. Please let Anna know of any concerns or changes to her plan.

#### FUNDING:

Fund raising will be necessary for the library landscaping and for paving the terraces. Perhaps committee members should solicit local landscapers to donate plants, trees, etc. Haunani asked if anyone wants to spearhead a campaign to market the memorial bench program. Tabled this discussion.

#### TWO VOTES:

1. "Amend by-laws to add up to 5 alternate members." Motion: Haunani, second: Anna. Approved unanimously. Alternates will be included in all board meetings.
2. "We recommend to the Select Board to accept Keith Smith's landscape plan as submitted at this meeting." Motion: Haunani, Second: Laurie. Approved unanimously.

#### APRIL 8 AGENDA:

We will go over Anna's plan for Memorial Park further.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Baldwin

