



Rockport Parks and Beautification

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June 9, 2021 - 5:00 P.M. – In person

In attendance: Haunani Wallace, Doug Cole, Jan Baldwin, Sue Kauck, Sally Cook, Eric Winters, Lea Anne Dunton, Mike Young, Paula Coyne, and Sandy Hurlbut.

MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes

One correction – Chris Tofani's name. Doug moved to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2021 meeting as written and the motion was approved unanimously.

Opera House Walkway

Martha Bouchard wants to donate day lilies, but someone would need to dig up and replant. Doug questioned this project and Haunani will tell Martha that we will not do the work. Bill questioned having the stage for Sunday musicians with the construction of the hotel going on because the building materials are unsightly. No changes were proposed.

Update on Library Landscaping

Doug reported that Farley has finished grading on the Limerock side, put down mulch, and planted the Japanese Maple. The committee agreed to have Plants Unlimited deliver the plants for that side of the library and to be there at 10:30 on June 16 to plant them. Doug said that Rhino is coming back on the 17th or 18th with 3 yards of compost and he will have them plant Sally's tree. It was also noted that the two crabapple trees on the lower level do not look good; watering will continue to see if they can be saved.

Update on Memorial Park

Plants Unlimited will replace the fir tree in the fall because of the active robin's nest that is there now. Haunani reported that one of the viburnums is dying. The committee agreed that a better way to store the hose is needed. Terry Hurlbut will call Mike Young to confer.

Update on Community Garden

Doug reported that only 4 families have rented 9 plots. Doug is keeping the unused plots rototilled and will add buckwheat. We need to spread the word!

Update on DPW Loose Ends

Mike reported the following:

Walker Park – the sign will take a while to be completed. The stone with the plaque will be placed when the equipment is available.

Forrest email - Need to secure the benches. Also, need to move one bench to a different location and secure it properly.

Benches are cabled to trees for now until they are spoken for. Haunani will respond to Jean Forrest.

Merry Go Round – Needs work. Eric will follow-up with Josiah at Rockport Steel.

Mowing at Harbor (Hill) – Mike will check with Claybrook.

Mary Lea Park – The sandwich board is ready. Doug will pick it up and put it out on Sunday mornings. Two acts have been booked, one on 6/20 (Matt Smith from Just Teachers), and one on 6/27. Mike has built the stage and Eric will paint it this week. All the equipment needed is in the Opera House and everything is ready to go.

Sign at Rt 1 and Rt 90 – Mike will find out if there is money in the budget for the materials and he will build it.

West Rockport Post Office – Mark Kelly asked about mulch and Haunani will talk to him about this.

Watering The Parks For the Summer – Haunani suggested we look into having teenagers do this as community service projects. Doug suggested we consider expanding the size of our committee and Haunani will look into this, as well as seeing if some of the Garden Club's Men's Auxiliary would be available to help.

New Business

High Sidewalk – Mike reconfirmed that we want everything taken out, including the vines. This was confirmed and Mike will address putting the materials down.

Committee Meeting Place – Haunani will see if the Community Room at the library can be a location for our meeting.

Library Boulder Slope – Doug reported that Linda Lescher owner of Barnswallow Books has volunteered to pay for rehabilitation of the slope as a donation to the project. Terry Dewan (architect) is interested in doing the design and Sunset Knoll Landscapers would do the installation. This concept has gone to the Select Board and they have approved going further with this. Will Gartley team has resurveyed the site as it was built and has sent it to Terry Dewan's office. A new landscape design will be completed and presented to the Select Board and then to the donor. If it is all approved, work would be done late summer/early fall. Sunset Knoll Landscapers would execute the plan.

Adjournment

The committee agreed to adjourn at 6pm.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be Wed., July 14, 2021 at 5:00pm. Place TBD.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Hurlbut with assistance from Jan Baldwin