



Rockport Parks and Beautification

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October 14, 2020 - 5:00 P.M.

In attendance: Haunani Wallace, Sally Cook, Jan Baldwin, Denise Munger, Doug Cole, Anna Remsen, Mike Young, Sandy Hurlbut. By phone: Lea Anne Dunton, Eric Winters, Maggie Timmerman

MINUTES:

Approval of Minutes: Jan moved to accept the minutes of the Sept. 9, 2020 meeting as written, Sally seconded, and the motion was approved.

Clean Up Rockport: Maggie Timmerman reported that 20 roads will have been cleaned the when the Fall project is completed. She also said that the Spring clean up will take place over a 3-4 week period.

Library Landscaping Update

Haunani reported that trees have been planted in Memorial Park. Mike reported that Farley is still working on the site and that Rhino may be able to start landscaping next week. There was a discussion about cementing the area where the bike rack is located and Denise said that she will discuss this recommendation and the funding for it with Bill Post. Mike and Haunani will supervise the work.

Street Lights On The Bridge

Mike and Bill Post have contacted Maine DOT about this with no results to date. Doug made a motion that the liaison to the Select Board recommend to the Board that the Town purchase 2 lamp poles and have them installed, citing safety and beautification of the bridge as the primary reasons. Haunani seconded, and the motion was approved.

Planting The Triangle at Rt. 1 and Pascal

Mike plans to remove the existing sand and soil and add new soil on 10/15/20. Anna plans to bring plants for the triangle next week and Haunani will enlist volunteers to help with the planting.

Dead Plants at Rt. 1 and Rt. 90

Mike will remove the one dead plant. Doug made a motion that the Parks & Beautification Committee recommend that Public Works choose a site further south (from plant area) and construct a frame for commercial signage. Haunani seconded, and the motion was approved.

High Sidewalk

After discussion of various options for the area on top of the stone retaining wall, between the rail fence and the edge of the wall, Haunani made a motion that the RP&B Comm recommend to the Town Manager that Public Works install fabric & white crushed stone (similar to stone used on Limerock St adjacent to the library) and spray the area periodically for weed control. Jan seconded, and the motion was approved.

Trash Can On North Side of Harbor

Mike agreed to install a trash can at that location and have it emptied twice a week.

Fall Clean Up of Parks

The discussion focused on the continuing need for clarification on what tasks are contractually assigned to Claybrook and Farley for all parks. Mike will review the current contracts regarding Fall clean up and he will advise Haunani, who will in turn advise the volunteers. Mike will also talk to Bill Post about restructuring these contracts so that they begin in June 2021 and run for an 18 month duration.

New Business

Haunani received an inquiry from Beth Davis about the plantings in the park near her house and raising concern about car lights shining in her windows at night. After discussion, it was agreed that the committee will move forward with the existing plant plan for that area.

Doug proposed that budget planning be added to the Committee's agenda in the near future and everyone agreed. Haunani will provide budget information to all committee members prior to the meeting in November.

Doug advised the committee that Aldemere Farm is offering to move their fence back 6 feet in order for the Town to have a walkway along that portion of Russell Ave. It was agreed that this will be moved forward by RP&B Committee (rather than the Camden-Rockport Pathways group. More discussion will take place in the future.

Next Meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be Wed., November 11, 2020 at 5:00pm in the Richardson room in the Town Office. The agenda will include a review and prioritization of all projects.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Hurlbut