



## Rockport Parks and Beautification

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November 11, 2020 - 5:00 P.M. – via ZOOM and livestream

In attendance: Haunani Wallace, Jan Baldwin, Doug Cole, Anna Remsen, Lea Anne Dunton, Eric Winters, Steve Smith, Bill Frolich, Sandy Hurlbut, Denise Munger, Mark Kelley.

### **MINUTES:**

**Approval of Minutes:** Jan moved to accept the minutes of the Oct 14, 2020 meeting as written, Anna seconded, and the motion was approved.

### **Library Landscaping Update**

Questions were raised about who from the town is overseeing the project and coordinating between the town, the contractor, and Rhino. Denise will talk to Bill Post about the need to have a town point person for this and to also include Keith Smith in the loop.

The update on landscaping for Memorial Park was that the grass will be done in the spring – either seed or sod TBD. Haunani thanked Anna for all that she had contributed in soil/compost, plants, etc. Haunani also thanked all the people who helped plant at the park and Doug for the Veteran's Day wreaths.

### **Planting The Triangle at Rt. 1 and Pascal Update**

Anna provided the plants and Haunani & Denise did the planting with safety assistance from Terry Hurlbut.

### **Rt. 1 and Rt. 90 Update**

Denise will advise the Select Board that the new frame for signage should be south of the intersection.

### **Aldemere Farm Path Update**

Doug advised that this is on hold for now because the farm is not clear on what they want to do. There may be issues with easements, drainage, etc. The committee will leave it up to AF to pursue if they want to move forward.

### **Memorial Benches Update**

Two more benches need to be ordered and Denise will contact Meagan to take care of that. Denise has spoken to Richard Remsen about the ordered plaques and he is waiting for the pattern; she will follow up with him again.

Haunani made the suggestion that the 3 existing memorial benches in Harbor Park be moved to Memorial Park and the two new legacy benches that will be ordered, be installed at Harbor Park. The committee responded favorably to this suggestion. Haunani will discuss this with Abbie and get her input as well as determine what was promised at the time of installation, and if the Harbormaster has a policy on benches. Denise will talk to Bill Post and request that perhaps Glen Adolphson could be our employee liaison regarding this since Mike Young is pulled in so many directions.

## **Review of the Committee's 5 Year Plan**

The committee began to review the 5 year plan. The playground equipment design for Konenon Park was discussed and Eric provided a 3D graphic and quote for the proposed structure. Eric noted that we need to make it ADA compliant and make sure whatever we choose is appropriate for all age ranges of kids. It was noted that the cost of the proposed structure exceeds the budget, so the committee should consider seeking a benefactor and/or reducing the number of components initially installed. In considering the location, if the committee wishes to move the chess board, someone will check with the donors before proceeding.

Further discussion of the 5 year plan was assigned as homework and all members should plan to provide input at the December meeting.

## **The Budget**

The committee agreed that the budget report available doesn't have enough detail to do any analysis. Denise will talk to Meagan and see if more information can be provided for each category.

Mark suggested that the committee look into posting "Welcome to Rockport" at all access points and include the cost for additional signs in the next budget. And Doug recommended that a new boulder be located to be used as the base for the new plaque at Walker Park. Jan added that it would be helpful to have a sign on Pascal Ave. directing people to Walker Park, as well as a park sign for Walker Park that matches the other signs in town. Mark will address these suggestions with the town.

After a brief discussion of the plantings at Goodridge Park, Lea Anne volunteered to replace any plants that don't survive over the winter.

## **New Business**

Doug made a motion and Jan seconded that the committee ask the town to temporarily turn off the flood light at Mary Lea Park until Bill Post has had time to look into the situation. The motion was approved.

The discussion continued from last month's meeting about the contracts with Farley and Claybrook and renewing them on an 18 month term when they expire in June. Haunani pointed out that someone needs to pursue a credit from Claybrook for work that hasn't been done in Memorial Park while it has been shut down during construction. The committee agreed that the town needs a "point person" to interface with the two landscapers and it was suggested that this possibly be assigned to Glen Adolphson, Buildings & Grounds if Bill Post deems appropriate. Again, Denise will meet with Bill Post to discuss these suggestions and this will be put on the agenda for the committee's December meeting.

Denise will also request that Bill Post have Public Works move to Memorial Park the 3 boulders donated by Stuart Smith.

## **Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be Wed., December 9, 2020 at 5:00pm on Zoom. The agenda will include a review and discussion of the committee's 5 Year Plan. Please advise Haunani if you have input for the agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Hurlbut

