

Village Green Committee
Thursday August 6, 2020
Zoom meeting at 6PM
Minutes

Present: Gail Cromwell, Connie Kieley, Robin Downes, Felicia Sartell, Carol Mamczak, Peggy Cournoyer, Honey Hastings

Gail called the meeting to order at 6:00PM and noted that we were meeting with special rules under NH RSA 91-A. She confirmed that the meeting is publicly accessible. All voting is to be by roll call.

Roll Call attendance.

Library Landscaping Proposal – Gail requested input on the existing revised proposal for the library trustees. Honey noted several changes including:

- Changing wording to ad hoc **in** town
- Location of benches before they were moved to the library should not say “by the Historical Society Old Schoolhouse”
- Mention “with support from the 250th Anniversary Fund”
- Delete paragraph about how the VGC can help
- Summary of plan does not match actual plan; revise paragraph to refer people to the sketch
- Time to meet does not mean all VGC members meet with trustees

Gail mentioned that the trustees declined to meet with us today (the 6th) and suggested the 20th. All trustees will receive a copy of the plan well in advance. Felicia suggested asking them if they are still interested in meeting with us on the 20th. Robin stated that we do not all need to be there. There was discussion of how the library gardens came to be and evolved to what they are now. A potential timeline was discussed with many members preferring to offer an ordered list of tasks without hard dates. Honey commented that the latest narrative is much improved. Members raised the concern that the trustees are angry about our proposal and some suggested backing away if that is the case, maybe reviewing it in the spring. Carol asked how do we know that they are angry if we haven't presented anything to them yet.

Gail recommended adding the paragraph that Connie entered in the chat:

“September and early October are optimal planting months we are hoping that the Board of Trustees would come to a decision soon.”

Motion by Felicia, 2nd by Carol to approve the revised narrative

Roll call vote: Robin - y, Carol - y, Connie - y, Peggy - y, Felicia - y, Gail - y (unanimous)

Gail highlighted the changes she made to the sketch and reviewed each item in the sketch. It was again emphasized that there would be no timeline included.

Motion by Connie, 2nd by Felicia to approve the updated sketch.

Roll call vote: Robin - y, Carol - y, Connie - y, Peggy - y, Felicia - y, Gail - y (unanimous)

Gail will send a cover letter, the narrative, sketch and photos to library trustees chair and request that they be shared with all trustees. It was expressed that our proposal is an improvement to the town that the VGC is willing to pay for. We expect that the trustees will be happy to be relieved of responsibility for the slope. If the trustees are not interested, we will move to other projects.

Minutes – Carol corrected a time of meeting error from 1PM to 3PM.

Motion by Connie, 2nd by Robin to approve the minutes as written with the one change.

Discussion: members discussed which documents need to go to the board assistant for official record in town and which attachments should go on the web site.

Roll call vote: Robin - y, Carol - y, Connie - y, Peggy - y, Felicia - y, Gail - y (unanimous)

Other Business – Gail reported that she has a letter of resignation from Matt Cabana as he is too busy with the Inn at this time. She suggested we keep him on the email list. Gail will inform the board assistant of the change in membership. Connie suggested that we review membership and term expirations soon, suggesting we aim for the original number of nine regular members. Several members expressed hesitation on the number because of the difficulty with a quorum, but agreed that new members are needed. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Honey reported that Dan Masterson lightly pruned the redbud trees after two branches broke off the one tree and she asked him to look at the new oak and elm. The hydrangeas are blooming beautifully. The zinnias are flowering.

Motion by Robin, 2nd by Felicia to adjourn.

Roll call vote: Robin - y, Carol - y, Connie - y, Peggy - y, Felicia - y, Gail - y (unanimous)

The meeting concluded at 6:58PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Mamczak
VGC Secretary