

Village Green Committee
Monday, April 8, 2019 at the Common and Library

Minutes

Attending: Felicia Sartell, Connie Kieley, Gail Cromwell, Honey Hastings, Carol Mamczak, Robin Downes, Peggy Cournoyer, Denise Collette
Absent: Kathy Fedorka, Matt Cabana

Guests: Ethan Belair, Hillsborough County Forester for UNH Cooperative Extension
Kent Perry, Road Agent
Kathy Boot, resident

The first half of the meeting took place on the Common at 1PM with Ethan Belair who patiently conducted analyses of the trees and their environment with the VGC committee members attending to ask questions and discuss each tree. He will follow up with a written report that will be emailed to the VGC secretary who will share it with the rest of the committee and place it in our file in the town offices. He also took photos and samples of the fungus that is present on some of the newer red maples. We were joined near the end of the tour by Kent Perry, our new road agent, to discuss the correct approach to removing old trees and stumps.

Part two of the meeting was attended by Felicia, Connie, Honey, Carol, Robin, Peggy and guest, Kathy Boot. The meeting was held in the library. We all agreed that Ethan was knowledgeable and helpful.

1. Felicia introduced Kathy Boot who provided a handout with two suggestions for fundraisers. One suggestion is for a town-wide yard and plant sale on the Common. The second suggestion is for "Temple Antiques on the Green" similar to the one held in Amherst. Discussions centered around how it could be organized, whether we have a mix of vendors and individual booth rentals, how much money could possibly be made. Honey described the Historical Society plans for an appraisal and auction in June. Connie suggested we need more time to think and plan either event. Honey suggested we go to the Amherst event and see how it runs. This is held in September. Connie would like to find out how much they earn. Robin feels that antiques will draw from many local towns. We agreed that after the Common tour with the forester that we will need to do some fundraising. It was mentioned that we could possibly do the yard sale this year. Instead of holding it on the Common, it could be done at homes and shoppers would pay for a map to go to those homes. We need to have more discussion before making a decision. We thanked Kathy for her time and interest.

2. Connie described the possible change in plans regarding the Municipal Building planters and garden. We did not approve enough money for the planters, and discussion of the front lilac bed that is deteriorating has suggested that we prioritize it over the planters. She also mentioned that John bought mulch for the roadside garden. Carol mentioned the low-growing fragrant sumac as an option for the front of the rocks in that garden that could be appropriate to add as the daffodils die back. We decided that the Municipal gardens need more discussion

and set a date for our next meeting on **Wednesday, April 24th at 11AM**. This is tentative based on receiving the forester's report so we can follow up on it.

3. We discussed the House by the Side of the Road fundraiser. Carol would like clarification before we advertise it, and everyone seemed in agreement. Connie will follow up with Matt for contact info and Carol will visit House for the details. We hope to get the word out ASAP. Honey suggested announcing it in the Temple newsletter. Carol will send that in, send it to the webmaster and post in town, preferably before Good Road Day on the 27th. (action items)

We agreed to adjourn at 2:45PM

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Mamczak
VGC Secretary

Tour of the Common – notes by Carol Mamczak
VGC and Ethan Belair, UNH Cooperative Extension Forester for Hillsborough County
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1. We have multiple issues with existing trees. While the old trees may not die for a few years, they look bad. We should develop a multi-year (15?) plan. The newer red maples also have some problems.

2. Trees need yearly care.

3. The ditching paths made need to be modified to accommodate the tree roots, possibly curving the routes.

4. Tree roots grow proportionate to their crowns. Use crowns as a guide for ditch paths.

5. Replacement trees should be placed away from fence and roads. Ditch paths should consider future tree locations.

6. Spacing depends on species we choose. Don't crowd them.

7. Lawn fertilization should be enough for the trees.