

Village Green Committee  
Minutes, July 21, 2021

Present: Felicia Sartell, Peggy Cournoyer, Mackenzie Arndt, Gail Cromwell, Lori Sherberne, Jennifer Kiley, Anne Lunt with special guest Dana Nowell

Gail called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Felicia discussed plans for the upcoming Harvest Festival, scheduled on Sunday September 19, 2021. In the past, the Village Green Committee has had a table at the festival with food including baked beans, corn bread, brownies and lemonade. This has been our major fundraiser in the past. We will plan to have a similar table this year. Members may donate food/goods for the table, or be reimbursed. Members will volunteer to work the table in 2-hour shifts (10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm and 2pm-4pm). Jennifer brought up the possibility of ConVal students volunteering at our table as part of their community service requirement. We will finalize the amount and type of food as well as schedule for working the table at our next meeting.

Gail discussed the current issue with parking on the common across from the Birchwood Inn. There are concerns about cars parking on the grass. Gail presented possible solutions to the group which we may eventually present to the owners of the Birchwood Inn to come to an agreement, that can eventually be brought to the Select Board for action. These solutions include different types of barriers in front of the parking area, including 5x5 cedar posts painted white with looped chains in between. The group is in favor of this type of barrier instead of granite posts with rope. Costs for this would not come out of our budget.

Gail reviewed the minutes from our previous meeting on May 8, 2021. Anne presented her suggestions for a perennial to plant next to the time capsule rock. The two options were a deutzia or a sand cherry. The group motioned to accept the deutzia as our favored choice for the time capsule perennial. Anne plans to donate one for planting.

Peggy brought up her son, Dan's idea of repairing the town scale next to the common as part of the 250<sup>th</sup> Temple Anniversary. We collectively decided that this is not within our scope and that we will defer to the Historical Society regarding this matter.

Dana from the Temple Community Advisory Committee spoke as a guest at our meeting regarding plans for an upcoming meeting/potluck to discuss possible utilization of the 18 acres of land next to the Temple Elementary School. They plan to bring in a group of consultants to help develop a plan on how the community could best utilize this land. Potential options for use of this land include affordable housing, agrihood (combination of housing and open space for agriculture), and energy efficient solar panels. The purpose of the meeting is to get an idea of how the community feels about these options. More details to come in the fall.

We plan to hold our next meeting sometime in early September prior to the Harvest Festival. The meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Mackenzie Arndt  
Approved Sept 9, 2021