

A PROPOSED TOWN GREEN for WESTON, CT



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In January of 2019, Weston's Beautification Committee embarked on a new landscape design for the lawn in front of Weston's handsome 1950s Neo-Colonial Town Hall. The Beautification Committee created a quintessential front yard designed to host proclamations, civic celebrations and casual gatherings. A graceful elliptical walkway invites visitors to enjoy the refurbished Gazebo, a new Veterans Memorial and new bench seating – all overlooking a revived landscape of red, white and blue perennials, a pollinator meadow, and a hardy luxuriant lawn. Weston Town Green offers a much needed gathering space for this charming small town in Fairfield County, Connecticut.

In March 2020, Weston's Board of Selectmen announced that Richard Orenstein, the Trustee of The Daniel E. Offutt, III Charitable Trust, pledged support of Weston Town Green with a matching contribution of up to \$250,000 towards the \$650,000 budget for the project. Weston's Beautification Committee is now looking to raise the remaining \$400,000 in support of the new Town Green. They are looking for a select group of major donors to form the backbone of the project. A bronze plaque located by the front door of Town Hall will acknowledge all major donors. Construction is scheduled to start as soon as the project is fully funded.

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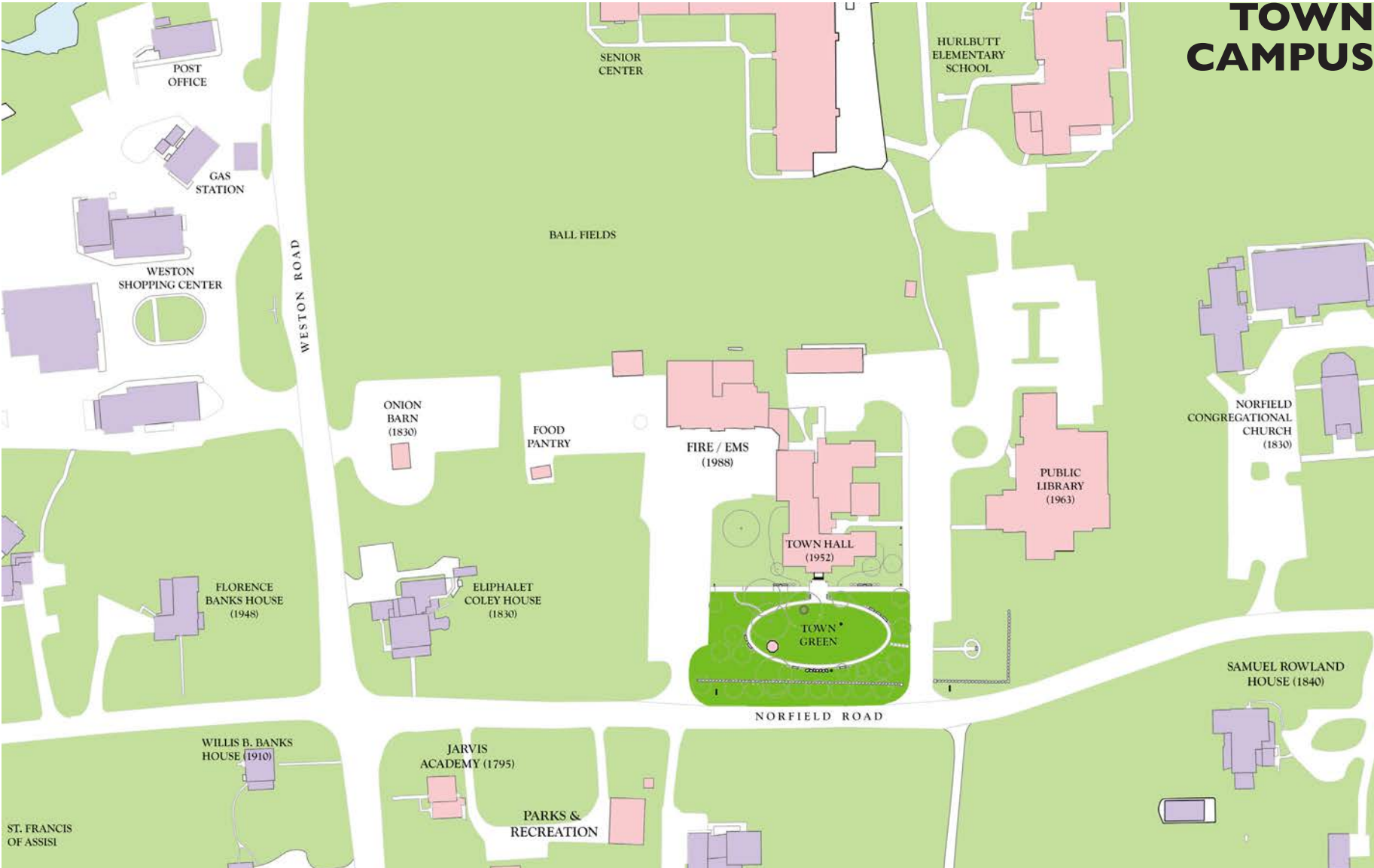


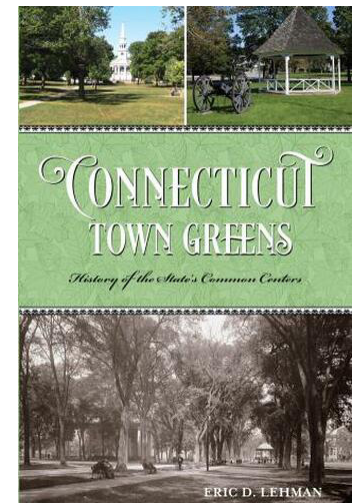
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IMPORTANT CIVIC ASSET

- Expand Town Hall to include an outdoor space
- Engage the community
- Create a sense of civic pride
- Celebrate important town events
- Encourage town walking
- Provide proper locations for town memorials
- Add variety of seating



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EXISTING CONDITIONS

- Lawn is under-used and unwelcoming
- Access to lawn is mostly blocked
- Needs new topsoil
- Approaches to Town Hall are not accessible by wheelchair
- Sidewalk pavers are falling to pieces
- Gazebo needs repair and new paint
- Lampposts in disrepair
- Aging benches
- Veterans Memorial needs an upgrade



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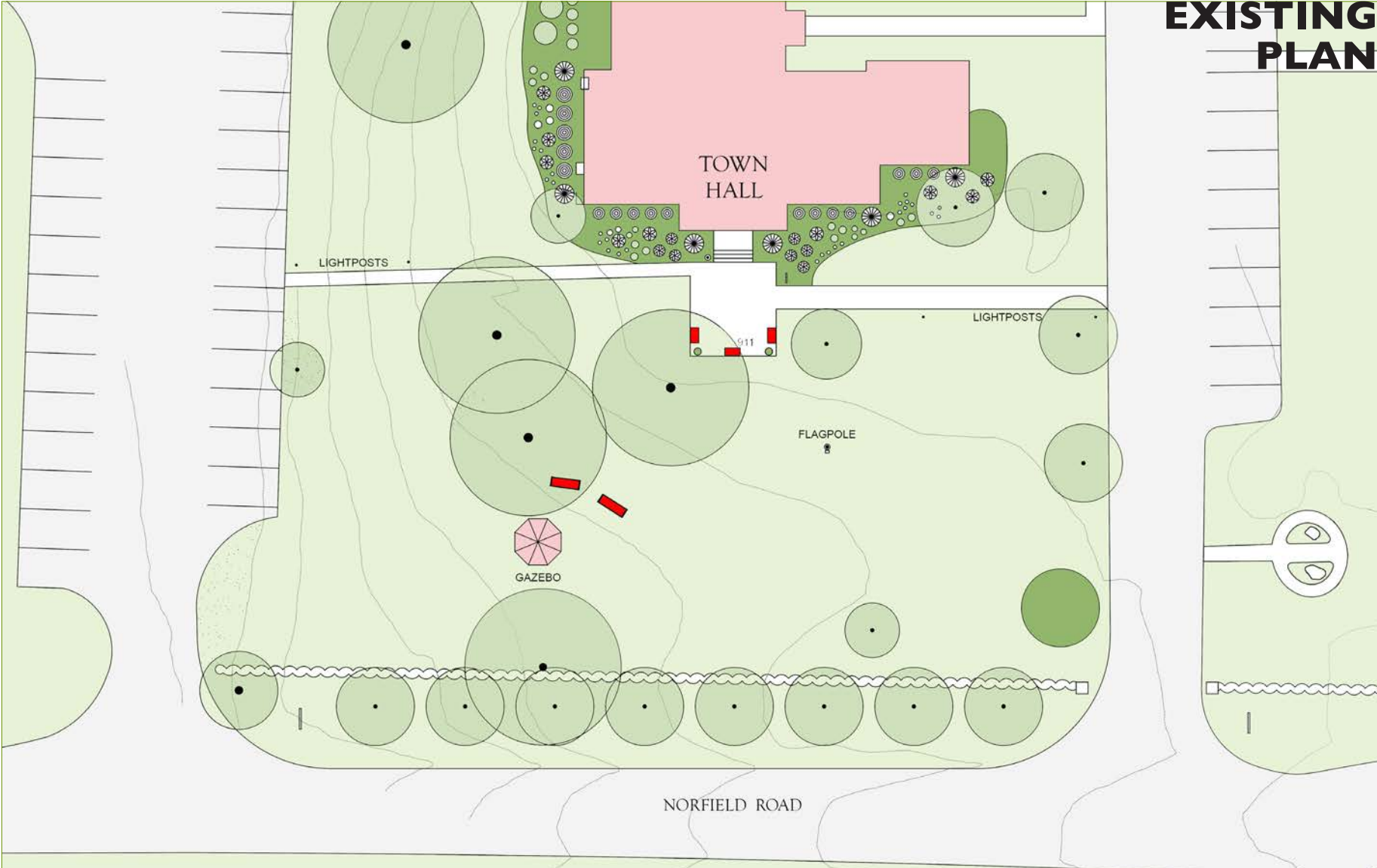


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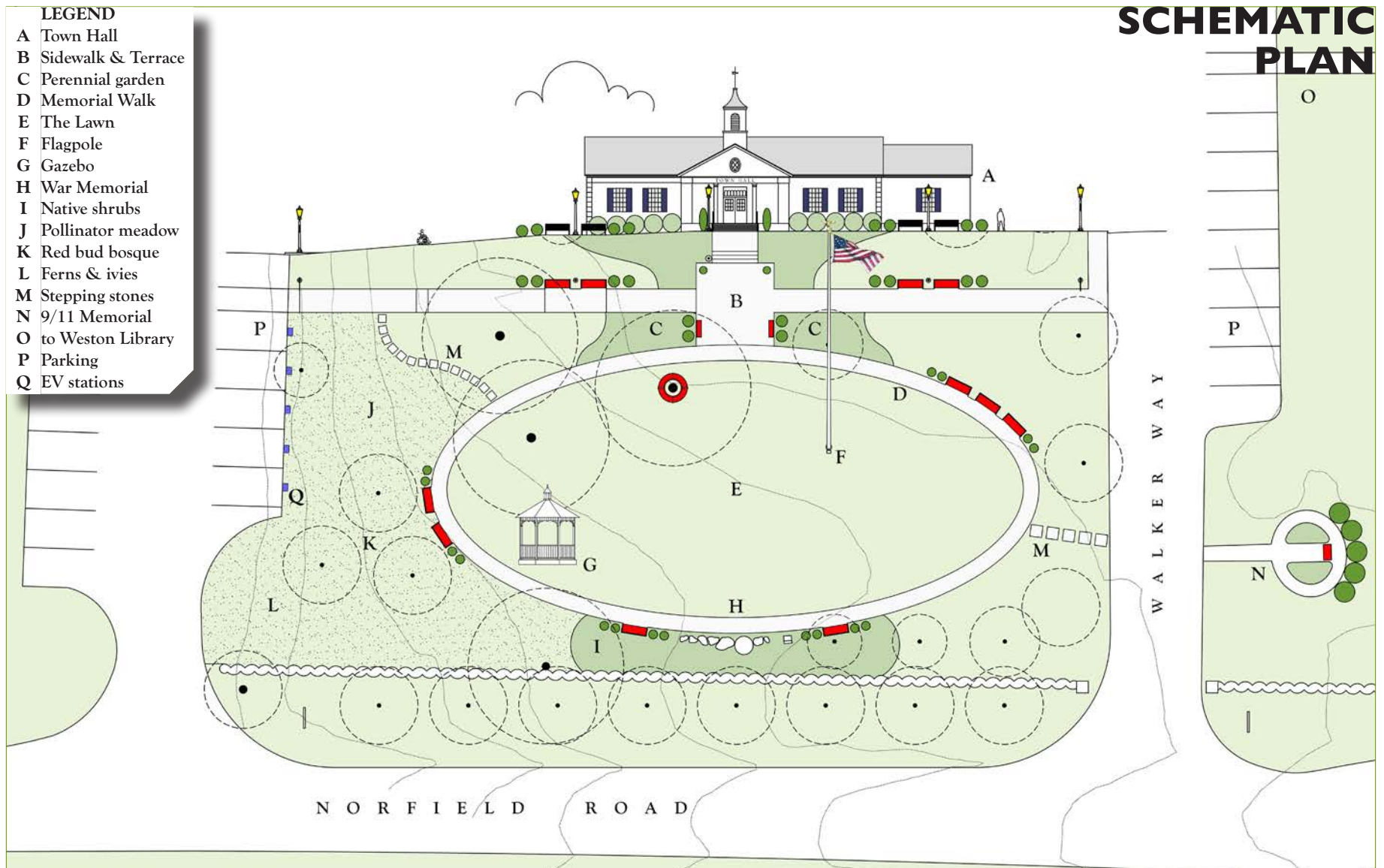


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VIEW OF PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS



Courtesy of Weston Beautification Committee

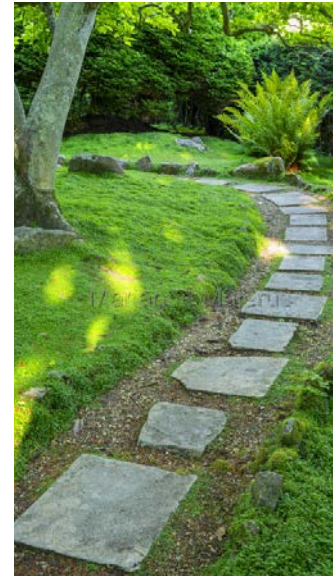
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PERENNIAL GARDEN

Plant material to be a selection of red, white and blue blooms:

- Lupinus
- Daisy 'Becky Shasta'
- Blue hyacinths
- Petunias



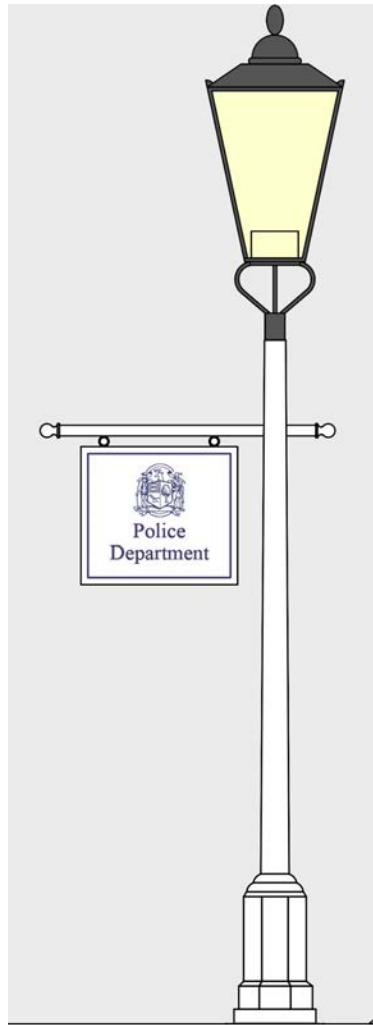
POLLINATOR MEADOW

Plant material to be drawn from 'Pollinator Pathway' selection list:

- Pennisetum
- Lobelia cardinalis
- White trillium

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LAMPPOST & SIGN



proposed lamppost with blade sign

SEATING

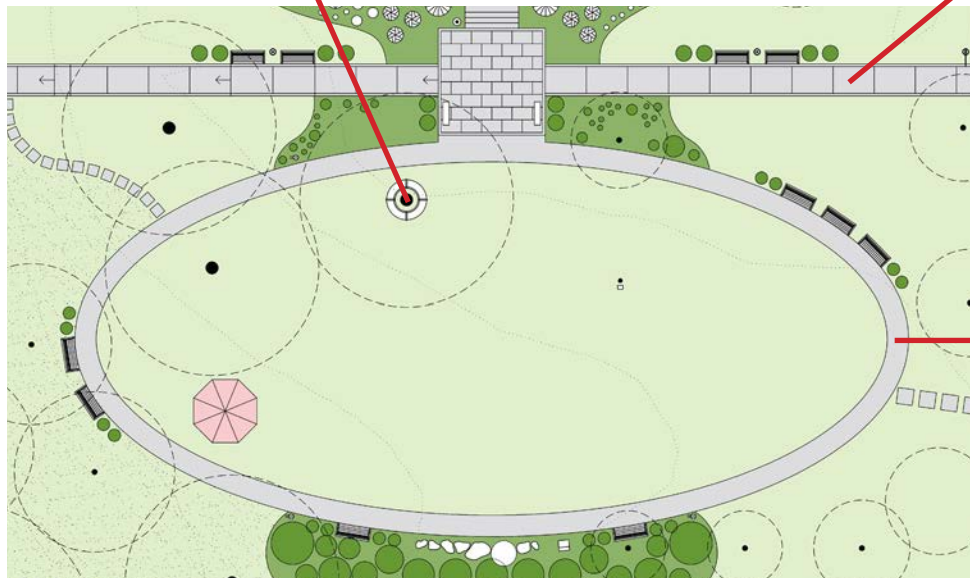


Circular bench



PROPOSED 6-FT BENCH

- 'Avondale' by Sitescapes
- Powder-coated steel for durability and zero maintenance
- lpe hardwood seat & back for comfort



PAVING

Sidewalk & Terrace



Scored, pigmented concrete

Memorial Walk



Porous paving & metal edging

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MEMORIAL GARDEN

- Rhododendron hedge
- Native flowering shrubs
- Boulders native to Weston
- Re-use existing plaques

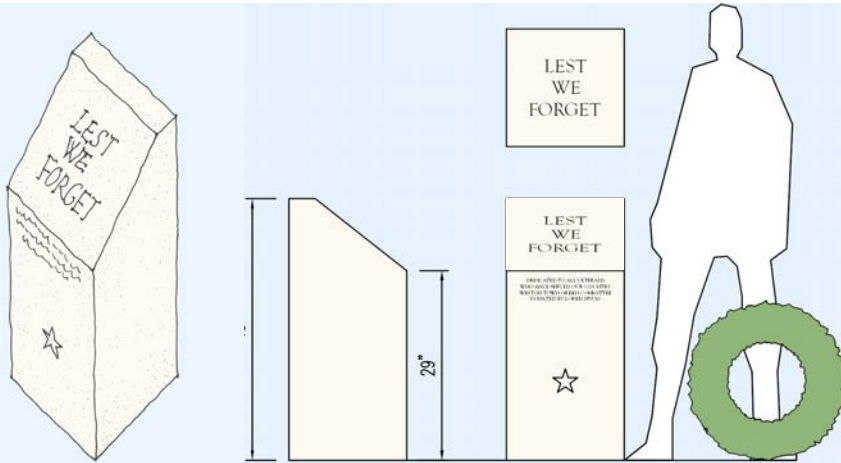


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VETERANS MEMORIAL

DEDICATED TO ALL VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED OUR COUNTRY

- A** Dedication Marker
- B** Revolutionary & Civil War
- C** WWI, WWII, Korea
- D** Viet Nam
- E** Persian Gulf
- F** Iraq & Afghanistan



DEDICATION MARKER
'LEST WE FORGET'

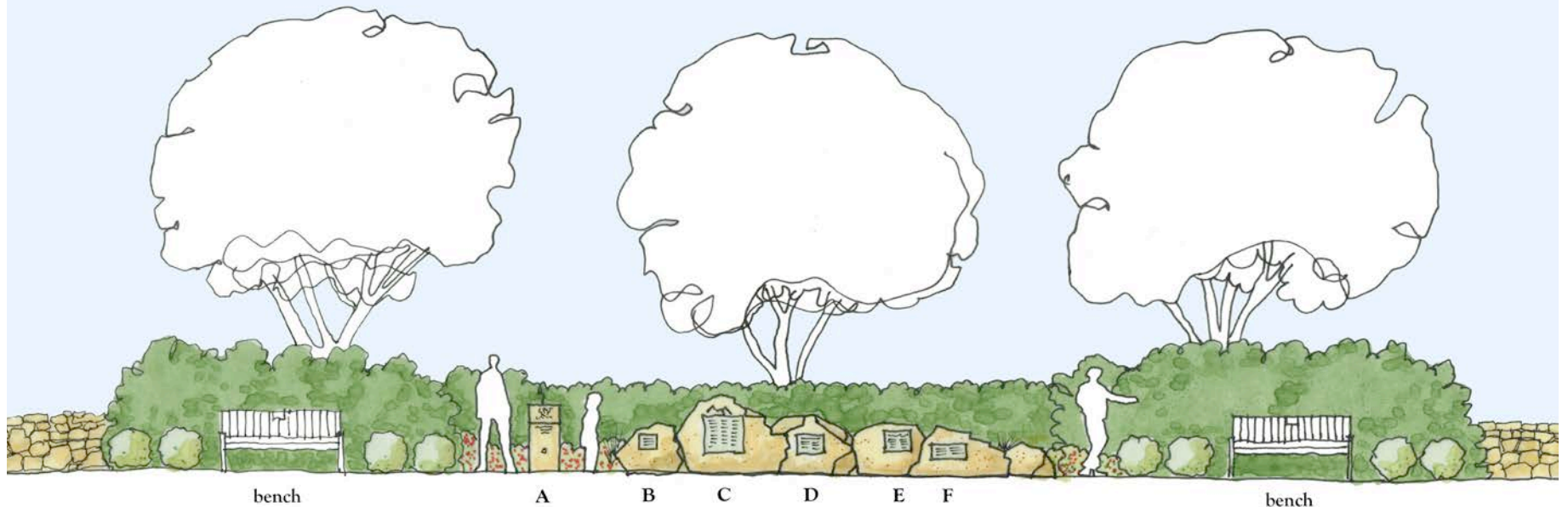


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EVENTS CALENDAR



WINTER

- New Year's Eve
- Martin Luther King Day
- Groundhog Day
- Presidents Day
- St. Patrick's Day

SPRING

- Easter
- May Day
- Graduations
- Memorial Day
- Weddings
- Pride

SUMMER

- Independence Day
- Summer movies
- Peace Day
- 9/11 Remembrance

AUTUMN

- 10/11 Founders Day
- Halloween
- Election Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving
- Seasons Greetings

EVENTS SPACE

MEMORIAL CEREMONIES

- Musicians in the Gazebo
- Flag-raising and anthem-singing
- Speeches on the Town Hall steps
- Wreath-laying at new War Memorial

TENTED EVENTS

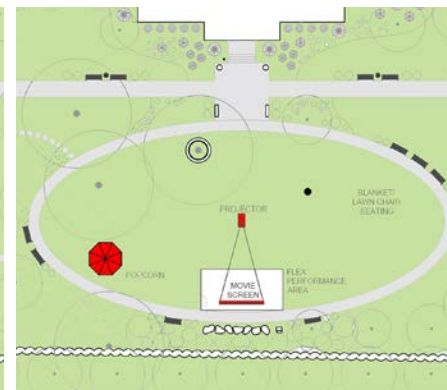
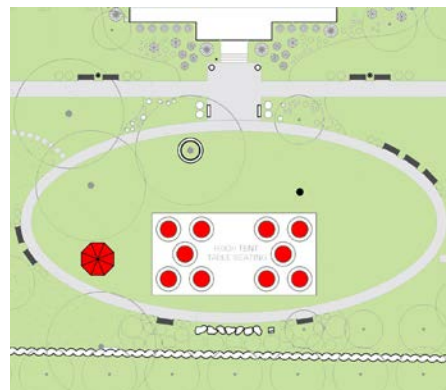
- 30' x 60' tent
- Maximum tent seating 120 people
- Power points in a few locations
- Create a Town Picnic

PERFORMANCES

- Blanket & lawn chair seating
- Senior seating on ellipse
- Concessions in the Gazebo

MARKETS & FAIRS

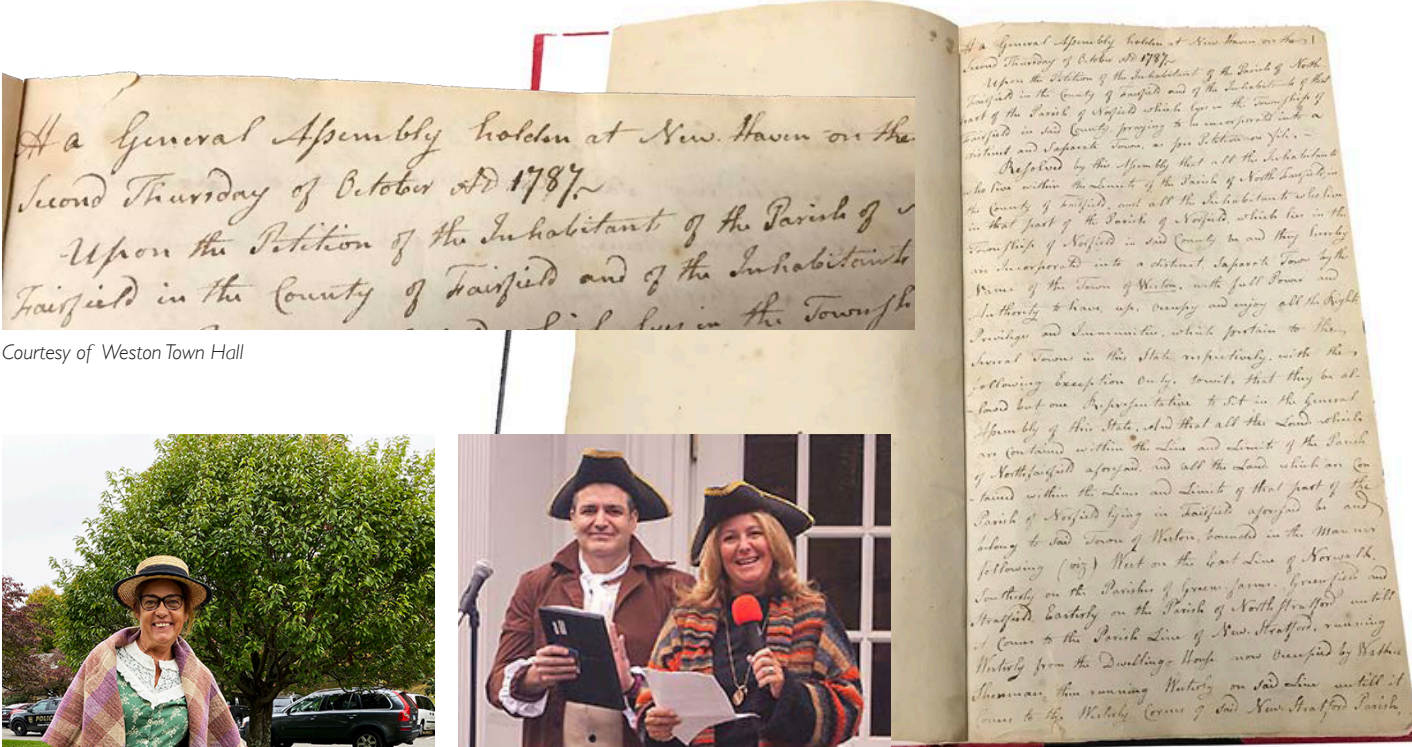
- Market booths set up along ellipse
- Live musical performances in the Gazebo
- Capacity (18) 10'x10' booths



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OCT 11th FOUNDERS DAY



Courtesy of Weston Town Hall



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TEAM of STAKEHOLDERS

TOWN of WESTON, CT.

Board of Selectmen

- Samantha Nestor, First Selectwoman
- Chris Spaulding, First Selectman (ret'd)
- Stephan Grozinger, Selectman

Historic District Commission

- Leona Peiffer, Chairperson
- Roland Poirier, Vice Chairperson

Parks and Recreation Commission

- Mark Crowley, Chairman
- Elizabeth Pocsik, Vice-Chairman

Planning and Zoning Commission

- Kenneth Edgar, Chairman
- Jane Connolly, Vice Chairwoman

Lachat Town Farm Commission

- Elizabeth Zeppernick, Chair
- Terry Cho, Vice Chair

Weston Public School District

- Lisa Wolak, Superintendent
- Tony Pesco, Chairman

Commission on Aging

- Bruce Lorentzen, Chairman
- Alison McElhone, Secretary

TOWN COMMITTEES

Beautification Committee

- Claudia Hahn, Co-Chair
- Nancy Thiel, Co-Chair

Economic Vitality Committee

- Carolyn Hill, Secretary

Marketing & Communications Advisory Committee

- Andrew Palladino, Chairman

Veterans Affairs Committee

- Betsy Peyreigne, Chairman

Sustainable Weston Committee

- Amy Kalafa, Chair
- Eric Shrago, Treasurer

Weston Public Library

- Anne Hunt, Chairperson
- Amy Sanborn, Secretary
- Karen Tartarka, Director

Commission for the Arts

- Paul Levin, Chair
- Patricia Goodrich, Treasurer

COMMUNITY

Weston Historical Society

- Leigh Meccay, President
- Pam Kersey, Vice President
- Samantha Kulish-Fargione, Executive Director

Weston Kiwanis

- Denise Murillo, President
- Curt Gunn, President-elect

Weston Arts

- Patricia Perez-Goodrich, Chair
- Deborah Rehr, Secretary

Girl Scout Troops #56620 & #50029

- Gayle Costello, Troop Manager
- Lisa Cicale Moskal, Troop Manager

Boy Scout Troop #788

- Marlene Aguiar, Scoutmaster

Weston Senior Center

- Wendy Petty, Director

Weston Pollinator Pathway

- Sarah Hutchison, Chair

Weston Garden Club

- Christina Koether, President

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- James Jamieson

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