Minutes

Weston Beautification Committee

November 3, 2022

Zoom at noon

Present: Claudia Hahn, Jim Jamieson, Pat Glass, Ellen Crown, Ryan Gussen

Guests: Nancy Thiel, Julie Hanselmann-Davies (Thiel Architecture & Design,) Kevin Dougherty (Veterans Association)

Motion to approve previous minutes from 10.6.2022

All 5 Clethra have been stolen from library. Cameras are being setup now, one already in place.

Holiday Decorations:

Crown family has donated a lot of holiday lights and ornaments to town! However, we need a plan to string lights up. Decorating party on Nov 28th at 2:30pm. Ellen got 12-16 4” menorahs as well. Planning on helping Ellen on Nov 28th @ 2:30pm and decorating inside Nov 29th @ 10:00am. Claudia to call Ben Smith to figure out tree decoration.

Town Green:

Committee discussed removal of trees on town property. After reviewing report from the arborist, 2/3 trees have been found to be in poor condition. 1/3 trees is in fair condition. WBC moved to remove the 2 poor trees and work to protect the third tree. Motion was seconded and passed.

Nancy Thiel went over Town Green schedule. Bidding should be finished by February 1, 2023 and the project should break ground in March or April. Care will be taken to keep construction away from major trees and bring the ellipse pathway out more from the “Fair” Sugar Maple.

Julie Hanslemann-Davies (JHD) went over her plan for the memorial. JHD covered the existing memorial and the current plan for moving the 9/11 bench and existing boulders. Additionally, JHD discussed the addendum plaque and how the Weston Town Green memorial is more of a “snapshot” in time, rather than a fluid or growing list of names of living/passing veterans. Kevin Doughtery from the Veterans Association agreed with JHD’s input on her “snapshot in time” approach. JHD asked Kevin and his groups to come up with ideas on wreath laying, taps playing, ceremony, etc. JHD will send Claudia the PDF, who will then forward to Kevin. Kevin will report back to JHD/Claudia from his group. JHD has one month from now (11.3.2022) to communicate with landscape architect and finalize memorial.

Ellen asked about lighting for boulders/electrical on site. Nancy shared the current electrical plan. Ellen asked about events on WTG after construction: weddings, birthdays, fairs, etc.

Misc.:

Meeting Monday November 7th 10:00am to meet with Benny and check lights. Next regular Zoom Committee meeting December 3rd.