

WPL Building & Grounds Committee Meeting
Special Meeting
March 6, 2023, 4:30 PM
via Zoom

PRESENT: Lori Goertz, Barbara Groves, Anne Hunt, Amy Jansen and Amy Sanborn

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 PM.

The Buildings & Grounds Committee met and discussed a number of opportunities related to the Library grounds and coordination with the Beautification Committee.

Plantings:

- What is the planting plan? B&G and Library Bd to approve. (Board has given B&G authority to makes decisions due to possible timing issues.)
- Anne Hunt to ask for plan from Claudia Hahn for approval before any plants are ordered.
- Question was asked as to when it is determined if any of the plants installed last year may have died, is there any kind of warranty? Otherwise, the assumption is that Beautification will be paying to replace them through its fund.
- There was discussion about planting between the stepping stones on the new path. Durability was questioned. Anne will inquire as to situation with Claudia Hahn.
- Are blueberry bushes (stolen) being replaced? Apparently cameras have been repositioned for surveillance of the area going forward.

Discussion of grass area to the south of the Library between the café area and Norfield Road:

- The grass has been worn bare due to intensity of use by the Dig program.
- History of relationship and “permissions” was reviewed.
- Town Administrator Luiz said he would look at it when the snow melts and see what needs to be done.
- There was a discussion as to whether the Board needs to develop a policy specific to the use of this area in conjunction with the Town.
- The Committee decided that Ian P. and Lori G. would coordinate with Jonathan Luiz. The B&G Committee will be kept informed thereafter, and then the Board will be brought into the loop for discussion.

Sidewalk Project (Town):

- There was a discussion as to how this might affect the Library property going forward. Former First Selectman Spaulding had made a presentation to the Library Board at the beginning of the design process.
- There is a need to see what is included in the current plan.

Patio and plantings:

- There was a brief discussion regarding the possible expansion of patio.
- Amy Sanborn reported on her conversation with Michael Tribe from PGA regarding soliciting his help with respect to the patio. He is interested and is willing to stop by and confer with the Committee.
- Conversations ensued about the possibility of a Shakespeare garden and the possibility of including some sort of an amphitheater on the hill, though it could be cost prohibitive.

Member Sanborn made a motion to adjourn at 5:13 PM. Second by Member Goertz. Motion carried unanimously.

Amy Sanborn
Secretary Pro Tem