

20090428 WT TOWN HALL BUILDING COMMITTEE PUBLIC FORUM

PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

7 pm

PRESENT: Bea Phear, Chuck Hodgkinson, Virginia Jones, Bruce MacNelly, Kathy Logue, Staff liaison. ABSENT: Kent Healy, Jim Osmundsen

ALSO PRESENT for all or part of the meeting: Carlos Montoya to present his landscaping plan, representatives of Park & Rec committee, and members of the public.

Bea introduced Chuck who had prepared a power point presentation showing the pre construction phase of Town Hall, and the site plan with the various areas to be “landscaped” shown. He asked Ginny to present the options for flag poles and positioning. The consensus was to have a ground mounted hollow GRP pole (no yards) with internal halyards, on a tabernacle to be located in the SE corner. Chuck then explained that Kent Healy has worked out a drainage plan to address concerns about the swampy morass on the east side, and introduced Carlos Montoya. Carlos has prepared, on a volunteer basis, a provisional landscaping plan utilizing native and indigenous species. Carlos explained the types of plantings that he envisions for each area, showing photos of some of the proposed plant material. Members of the audience asked questions, including Ben Moore about a possible fence and side walk on the east side. He was informed that first we have to deal with the drainage issue and install the paving and then we can move forward in the future with different options. Members of the audience also expressed concerns; Prudy Burt commented about certain choices of plants, most specifically, the heathland plants planned for the SW corner: “to situate them, out of context, is rather contrived. She is also concerned about problematic long term maintenance. Ginny concurred. We’ll continue to discuss options and plan to make the landscaping as low maintenance as possible. Plant material will be labeled, and an educational brochure written to hand out to anyone wishing to learn more. Carlos was thanked for his plans and plant material suggestions.

The Park and Rec Group then displayed a potential playground plan and explained the various options for surfaces which meet ADA standards, and equipment. One suggestion was to use some of the foundation granite to make a set of steps from Music Street on to the property, and for seating/ outdoor furniture. We agreed with their suggestions for additional shad trees and seating as well as a picnic table – to be decided once the landscaping and playground are in place. The Building Committee advised Park and Rec that a proposed basketball court would need to be located at the School.

The Committee thanked everyone for attending and held a brief business meeting: Laminate colors were chosen for the kitchen surfaces and cabinets. An approved electronic panic crash bar was chosen for the front door (to be in oiled bronze if possible), and the office configuration for the ground floor was discussed. Bruce had sketched a revised layout which addresses the BOS request for a separate office for the Exec Sec, and the concerns of other staff for more privacy, and additional space for filing cabinets.

An invoice for \$6,268.50 for K & K additional services was move, seconded and voted to approve. An invoice from Coastal Engineering for a sum around \$7,350 was discussed. Mike Josefek has recommended paying \$4,500 and he is negotiating the balance.

Respectfully submitted, Virginia C. Jones

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