

## **WOLFEBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE**

September 23, 2020 Site Walk

The Landscaping Committee met in the Wolfeboro Public Library parking lot at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Linda Wilberton, Deborah Long-Smith, Nancy Bell, Steve Farley, Doug Smith, Kathy Barnard, Joyce Davis, Cindy Scott and Susan Poirier. Candy Thayer and John Sandeen were not present.

The purpose of the meeting was to become familiar with the site where landscaping is needed.

### **Front of Building and Parking Lot Area**

The walk began at the front of the building to review the issue with the lawn that has not been growing well. The area has been reseeded by the original contractor.

The trouble area under the overhang where the crabgrass has grown up was noted and the plan to remove the crabgrass and place stone under the overhang was stated.

The overgrown area by the parking lot entrance is being repaired. In this area the old driveway was removed and excavating work was being done to improve the area of the drainage ditch and the wetlands. The plan is to beautify the area and plant grass and trees.

Also noted the area along the sidewalk and between the sidewalk, emergency exits and under the windows. This could be an area for bush planting.

The garden area in the parking lot needs to be addressed. This was originally an area designed for a swale, but it did not function as planned.

### **Property Line adjacent to Parking Lot**

The property line for the Library runs quite close to the abutter's house. There are many invasive plants growing along the property line.

Following along the side of the property line are more invasive plants and trees. Some of the trees may not be in healthy conditions and may need to be removed. These will be checked to see what can be saved.

There are 3 areas of wetlands on the Library site. The state approved that the 2 smaller areas of wetlands could be changed. These would be the area near the road and closer to the lower end of the parking lot. The larger area nearest to the town garden would remain.

Rocks from the stone wall which was originally a cattle path have been saved and perhaps will be marked by a sign stating their original intent. The committee will be meeting with abutters as well as boards, interested citizens as the plans are developed.

The existing flagpole and benches will need to be placed.

Whatever work is approved should not have high maintenance needs.

### **Major Wetland at back of property**

The committee walked through the major wetlands at the back of the property ending at the Town Garden. This is a beautiful spot with great potential. It is hoped that this area will become a place of enjoyment along the path. Care will be taken to maintain this part of the property so that it does not become a hangout space.

The goal is to be able to start fundraising in the spring with a plan in place. The Foundation is planning on doing the fundraising and has stated they will fund the estimated cost of \$16,000 to develop a plan with a landscape architect. The next step is to fund a landscape architect. An RFP is being developed by the subcommittee, to hopefully be completed by the end of October. There will be a discussion about breaking the plan into phases. Immediately, the search for an RFP should be complete by the end of October.

Those present agreed that Tuesday mornings at 9:00 would be a good time for meetings.

Cindy will email members of the committee with a date of the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Bell

Unapproved until voted by the Landscaping Committee