

WOLFEBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY LANDSCAPING

COMMITTEE MEETING

BRADLEY ROOM

Monday, June 25, 2021

Linda Wilberton opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

In attendance were Kathy Barnard, Joyce Davis, Steve Farley, Deborah Long-Smith, Susan Poirier, John Sandeen, Cindy Scott, Doug Smith, Linda Wilberton and Nancy Bell.

Nancy stated there was a correction to be made to the minutes of June 14 as Horsley-Witten Group was misspelled.

John Sandeen made a motion accept the minutes of June 14 as corrected. Doug Smith seconded the motion. All present voted in favor.

Old Business

Horsley Witten Group Selection – Update

Cindy Scott stated that she had heard from both Brian Kucher, Principal Landscape Architect (Sandwich, MA) and Brian Laverriere, Landscape Architect (Exeter) from Horsley-Witten Group to confirm their selection for the Library Landscape Project. They are very happy to be working with us. She also contacted those firms which were not selected.

Cindy Scott and John Sandeen will be meeting to discuss the grant process next week.

New Business

Landscaping Design Project – Planning and Discussion

Basics to be decided include how much money to raise and general ideas of what we are aiming for. Abutters will be invited to attend meetings. A list of abutters has been developed by Cindy. It is important to have the abutters involved.

It was suggested that letters should be sent to town committees inviting members from each group to attend meetings. Memos should be addressed to all department chairs.

Public works is a possibility for future garden care. The Women's Club is ageing out and recruiting new members.

John Sandeen suggested the amount of \$200,000 is viable as a fundraising goal for this coming year. Naming rights for benches, trees, and gardens were discussed as possible fundraisers. It may also be possible to use some Trustee Funds. The Library Foundation funds will take care of the Landscape Architect charges. Phasing is still a possibility. This amount will be a good place to start out.

Suggestions included:

- A flower garden for the front of the library which would include a grant for care of the garden and a plan for light maintenance.
- Restoring the wetland area with low maintenance plants is important.
- A quiet reading and story time area.
- Walk and bike Pathways.
- Stonewalls/Cow Path area
- Improving water catchment and reuse system
- Improving parking lot plan to provide for pedestrian flow to garden.
- Main Street and frontage beautification.
- Abutter buffering and planting.
- Security for back area
- Pathway or solar lighting
- Development of a shade area.
- Buffering around the whole site.
- Removal of invasive plants and poison ivy.
- Entrance to the library to be more welcoming.
- Information signage around the property – educational factors helpful.
- Snowplow concerns

The environmental impact should also be considered. The conservation commission should be involved.

A 3D presentation of the landscape plans will be developed and shown on TV's located throughout the library as a recycling video.

Other New Business:

Next steps will include completing the contract and working on the draft of the plan. Cindy will set up a meeting with Horsley-Witten. We will hope to have a plan complete in October.

Cindy will propose a CIP Plan with the hopes that the amount can be adjusted down as funds are raised.

Cindy will notify the committee of the date of the next meeting.

A motion was made by Susan Poirier to adjourn, seconded by John Sandeen. The motion was approved by those present and the meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Bell

Minutes are unapproved until voted on by the Landscaping Committee.