

WOLFEBORO PUBLIC LIBRARY LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE MEETING

HYBRID ACCESS MEETING

BRADLEY ROOM

Wednesday, November 17

In attendance were Kathy Barnard, Judy Crosley, Joyce Davis, Deborah Long-Smith, John Sandeen, Cindy Scott, Doug Smith, Jeanne Snowdon, and Nancy Bell. Virtually present from Horsley Witten Group was Brian Laverriere, Designer and Brian Kuchar, Lead Architect. Also present virtually was Linda Wilberton and members of the public.

John Sandeen opened the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Old Business

General Project Overview

Presentation by Horsley Witten Group, Inc.

Brian Kuchar greeted everyone and gave an overview of the meeting. The project design is at about 90% completion.

Review and discuss Landscape Design Approach

Brian Laverriere proceeded to speak about the overall landscape and property plan presentation including a design of the property showing potential trees to be incorporated into the design. The tree planting could be phased. The intent is to develop an expansive canopy to shade the parking lot. The original design calls for 15 large canopy trees and 15 smaller trees. This is a significant increase to the number of trees currently on the property. The trees presently on site will be given one more year to thrive before a decision is made to move them. They are currently stressed.

It was suggested that a one year warranty for the plants to survive be negotiated with the chosen contractor. This should include a one year maintenance contract with the contractor. Doug asked if the architects were aware of the solar panel project potentially planned for 2023. It was agreed that tree sizes would be adjusted to accommodate the potential requirements of the solar panels.

Perennial Gardens

Perennials will be planted in the front of the Library along South Main Street and the drainage area. They will also be planted in the center island and in front of the main entrance. An intentional border will be created. How the gardens will be viewed and diversity will be taken into consideration. Purple and yellow are the dominant color combination. The garden will be all native or native cultivars. Two aspects of planting sizes are considered: planting vs. maturity. The perennial gardens are designed to be self-sustaining. Within 3 years they won't need watering or mulching. Weeding will be at a minimum. Evergreens will be planted near the blank wall space, but not along windows. Landscape boulders will be added for winter interest. A vertical granite wall border will be built along the outer edge which will protect the perennials and provide seating. Different types of plants and ornamental grasses were discussed.

Review and Discuss Site Layout Improvements

There will be partial pavement removal to add additional planting space. Interpretive signs will be available for potential donor opportunities. The Boardwalk design is another opportunity for potential donors. The stone dust walking path will be outside the wetlands. The flagpole will be placed in the island by the entrance to the Library and will offset the light pole. The new ramp with cutoffs will improve access to the library. A porous diaphragm to protect perennial gardens will use cobblestone channels to convey water into the wetlands.

The book drop will remain at its present location.

And explanation of the new entrance with cobbles for drainage and a planting area was made. The backside of the Library by the Public Safety Building will be planted with ornamental grasses and ferns.

New Business

Cost Estimate for 6 phases:

Section 1 – Front Garden

Section 2 – Entrance Drive

Section 3 – Parking Lot (includes all trees planted/removed, adding perennials)

Section 4 – Outdoor Classroom

Section 5 – Invasive species management

Section 6 – Wetlands (includes buffer planting, invasives, stone dust path, boardwalk)

Brain Laverriere will send a breakdown of unit and unit prices. A diagram of categories will be sent to Cindy Scott and John Sandeen.

Upcoming Meetings

The next meeting of the Landscape Committee be held on Monday, November 22 at 3:00 p.m.

A motion to adjourn was made by Doug Smith at 8:15 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kathy Barnard, All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Bell

Trustee Secretary

Minutes are unapproved until voted on by the Landscaping Committee