

Hebron Common Landscaping & Playground Committee
MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: October 12, 2023

PRESENT: Fred Kohout, Chair; Mavis Brittelli; Steve Aprea; Garrey Lahey; Paul Falziano; Barbara Kohout, Secretary

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm; ended 6:19pm;

Minutes for September 14, 2023 were approved;

1. Welcomed new Committee Member Steve Aprea; decided a committee member will attend Hebron Historic District Commission meetings only as needed;
2. Watering: Town Offices plantings has been discontinued for the winter & equipment (including 4 hoses and timers) to be stored in basement of Town Offices;
3. Wintering plants: A-frame snow protection cover for Threadleaf maple to be installed;
4. New shade trees: John Faucher confirmed TLC will plant trees; committee decided on the following list of trees for the Common:
 - 1) 5 - Red Maples (Acer Rubrum) 2 - October Glory - PNI 0268 and 3 - Autumn Blaze - Jeffers Red
 - 2) 2 - Paper Birch (Betula Papyrifera) Single Stem w/ Bright White Bark
 - 3) 2 - Scarlet Oak (Quercus Coccinea)
 - 4) 1 - Pin Oak (Quercus Palustris)Did not consider Sugar Maples since there are several left on the Common but they don't seem to be doing well; TLC searching for a Scarlet Oak, but if not available will make a recommendation for alternatives;
5. Reviewed quote from Bartlett Tree Experts for next year. They suggest injection of Fortiphite fertilizer solution around 13 trees; soil sampling and analysis; three Phytophthora Canker treatments for 6 infected trees on large Common and also suggested organic matter and mulch around all trees;
6. Bocce Court: Merrills gave cost estimate of \$1320 to align timbers and install Joksand surface; Committee will seek donations and present a proposal to the Select Board;
7. Gazebo Update: Committee to complete plan for change of entrance, move stone step and touchup priming on workday 10/25; final painting after roof replacement set for Spring 24;
8. November 2023 Newsletter: items to include results of Playground Survey and items listed above;
9. Other business: Discussed plans and budget for 2024 with anticipated proposal to the Select Board on November 16, 2023;

Next Meeting: 11/09/23

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kohout, Secretary
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