

Greenscape Committee Meeting

Attending: Julie O'Malley, Mark Hudson, Helen Wilkes, Arlene Antonicelli, Sean McMullen, Yvonne Gurney

Old Business:

Fountain update from Mark Hudson.

- Gloria, Helen, and Mark are discussing colors at this point.
- Narrowed down to three sand colored options. Not very far in range from each other.
- Met with the fountain company some time ago, and an April timeframe is not unreasonable. We only need to resolve the WSSC issue (where the water comes in from).

Mural Update

TR: A design will be coming after the New Year.

Hoping for a green, vertical ivy wall.

Helen: Likes the abstract concept without being literal.

Committee is concerned about the maintenance aspect and how long the mural would be on the wall.

- Mark described the walkway and surrounding path around the fountain.
- Aaron Feldman is paving Warner Garden and could offer more solutions. Could be helpful in providing continuity throughout town.
- Per Helen: An impervious surface is harder to maintain and would drive up costs.

2017 Budget Priorities

Get materials that work list from Aaron Feldman.

- Heaving of the ground and tree roots are an issue. A difficulty of maintaining brick walkways.
- Request a formal assessment of brick walkways – which are in good shape and which need repair/replacement.
- Used to be a focus for mayors in the later 90's.
- When Sean first got on the council, we did an assessment of all roads. Had a 1-5 point rating scale. It'd be great if we had a catalog of the different walks, and put it into an order.
- Julie mentioned not replacing the driveway sections at the same time. They're designed differently (namely on Kensington Pkwy).
- Recommendation: Warner Reading Garden could use town support. Possibly have town help with maintenance. It's planned with plants that are low maintenance. Citizens Bank is the private side of this public/private partnership.
 - o Also potential location for the roses.
- Julie: More street trees. Where there is no overhead wire, there should be taller trees.
- Helen: There needs to be more thought about where they are located.
- There should not be a mulch volcano, there should be a bowl full of mulch that the tree is placed into.

- Gloria: Town should have a Master Plan for each of its parks. Town should get a landscape architect to do a master plan.
- Clum is getting randomly assembled.
- Hiring a consultant to do a master plan. Not elaborate landscape plan.
- Do we have a relationship with John Shorb Landscaping? Their architect is fantastic.

Clum Tree

- Need a Master Plan before we put more trees in parks.
- It's a living thing that can die, that needs to be pointed out. If you want to do something in a park we can give broader options, boulder with plaque, bench, plaque placed within a walk.
- Let's look at other municipalities first to see if they have a process.
- OBJECTIVE: A one-page explanation of how much, what kinds of memorials, where, and timeline expectancy.
- TOM: Send out a draft by next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- The signs by the bus stop on Connecticut are being blocked by trees. It's too busy.