

Common Committee Approved Minutes of November 7, 2011

Meeting date: November 7, 2011

Meeting Time: 6:30pm, Brookfield Elementary School

Present: Kathleen Wild - chairman, Jennifer Cipro, Barbara Clancy, Ron Couture, Jeanne Lytle, Diane Oliver-Jensen, Donna Sullivan, Peter Masuzzo
Also, Mr. Harry Pearson, resident and Martha Lyon, landscape consultant

Not Present: Matt Bansfield, Kris Casucci

Meeting called to Order: 6:32pm

Topic: Minutes discussed, typo and grammar noted, move to accept – Barbara Clancy, 2nd Jennifer Cipro
Accepted, with 1 abstention

Topic: Kathleen introduced Mr. Harry Pearson who lives on Upper River Street. Mr. Pearson came to discuss his thoughts about the type of trees that are specified on the plan for the common. He has concerns about the use of non-native species and suggested we consider planting trees native to this area; chestnut, oak, sugar maple, elm, or birch to mention a few. The committee welcomed his suggestions and landscape consultant, Martha Lyon, who was present, took note and will review the tree list. The committee suggested that Mr. Pearson consider becoming a member representing the neighborhood when an opening occurs.

Topic: Martha Lyon presented the RFQ (Request For Quotes) and reviewed the time-line for them. She had contacted CME about their quote which was \$1,000 above the available funds of \$5,000. – a discussion on available grants and funding commenced – Kathleen will review bills with Martha. Martha will also work with Donna Neylon on RFQ returns. We then continued reviewing area to be designated for the facility infrastructure plan.

Topic: Review of Questionnaire put forth at Apple Country Fair; 20 responses were made, 12 were from citizens and 8 from non-citizens. Many are concerned with double stop signs and the intersection of route 9. Making one way streets on Common Street were thought to be a good solution. More benches, more trees on Mall section. Moving gazebo was acceptable, having brick sidewalks and period lighting was wanted.

Topic: Kathleen met with Bill Scanlon in early September to discuss grants. Bill suggested the MassDot Enhancement Program - Eligibility requirements to service inter-modal service. We will need to review qualifications. (Note>the committee has voted against any transportation station on the common/mall, this grant may not apply.)

Next Meeting: Will call and post by Kathleen

Meeting Adjourned: 7:40pm

Submitted by: Ron Couture