

CITY MEADOW COMMITTEE

April 19, 2021

Minutes

Call to Order: Molly Ackerly called the meeting to order at 5:42 via Zoom.

Attendance: Barbara Spiegel, Molly Ackerly, Adair Mali, and John Anderson.
Also in attendance: First Selectman Matt Riiska and Peter Lawrence.

Minutes: Motion to approve minutes from January 25, 2021 and March 15, 2021. Both sets of minutes approved unanimously.

Robertson Plaza/City Meadow deck and stairs: Molly Ackerly, Matt Riiska, and Bob Gilchrest held a pre-bid meeting with potential bidders. Four potential bidders attended. Date for submission of bids was extended from April 30, 2021 to May 7, 2021. Work should be performed in the summer/fall 2021.

Maintenance and Erosion Control: Bill Hester from the Sewer District was in attendance at the April 9 meeting. He brought attention to the area of City Meadow wetlands that needs to be re-seeded, explained that the Sewer District has not yet completed its work there, but will re-seed the area when the remaining work is done. Bob Gilchrest will give him information re native seed mix to use. Discussion of removal of invasive trees and shrubs (including Norway Maples and Honeysuckle) from the bank. Molly will ask Phil Lovett and Christian Allyn to provide a quote for this work. There was also discussion of the possibility of Sean Muzzelin mowing City Meadow as a part of his contracted mowing of other town properties.


Discussion of how much funding is remaining in Town funds for City Meadow, and whether some of the remaining funds could be used some of the tree and shrub invasives removal along the bank. The Committee also discussed the need to establish a fund for long-term maintenance of City Meadow.

Other Business: The Botelle School 6th grade class is holding a fundraising concert in City Meadow on Saturday, May 15. Discussion about posting renderings of the Robertson Plaza/deck/stair project for all community members to see.

Next meeting: May 17, 2021 at 5:30

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:17 pm

Respectfully submitted


Barbara Spiegel
Acting Secretary