

October 19, 2020

City Meadow Committee Minutes

Call to Order: A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order at 5:43pm at the HUB, 2 Station Place, Norfolk. In attendance were Chair Molly Ackerly, Adair Mali, Barbara Spiegel, and Acting Secretary Pete Anderson. Landscape Architect Bob Gilchrest and First Selectman Matt Riiska were also present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 21, 2020, meeting were unanimously approved.

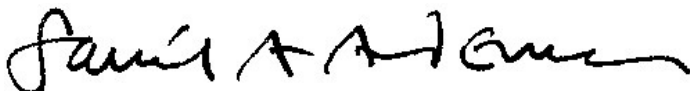
Revised Design Option for City Meadow/Station Place Connector: Bob Gilchrest of Allied Engineering Associates, Inc, presented a revised plan for City Meadow/Station Place Connector, showing new details for the tree planting beds and relocating the existing Robertson Fountain to a spot nearer to the east face of the Royal Arcanum building.

Discussion of the Plan: Committee members expressed their general approval of the revisions. Molly will initiate discussions with P&Z Chair Tom Fahsbender and ZEO Mike Halloran to introduce them to the new scheme and show them how it ties into the 2019 POCD concept plans for Station Place. Joe Hurst has already discussed the plan with Pinky Robertson Bazzano, and says she likes the concept and is OK with the fountain relocation -- as long as the Robertson Plaza name is retained. Further steps hopefully include presenting the plan to the full P&Z at their November meeting, followed by a town-wide presentation in December, and discussion with the Inland Wetlands Commission in January.

General Discussion: Molly reported that Christian Alleyn recommended respraying the phragmites he'd previously treated in August. She noted further that Mike Klein's report to Cori Rose at the Army Corps of Engineers should be sufficient to satisfy the Town's reporting requirements. Klein will return in the Spring for another look at the Meadow. Further discussion centered on on-going maintenance and the continuing need to naturalize the planting. Matt mentioned that Ted Hendon intends to plant a line of white cedar trees to screen the fire station's back yard from the meadow.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:40pm. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:30pm on November 16, 2020, at a place to be determined.

Respectfully submitted,



Samuel A. Anderson, Acting Secretary
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