

TOWN OF HEBRON  
HEBRON TOWN COMMON ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
September 12, 2017

PRESENT: Doug Merrill, Cindy Hilson, Alison York, Mavis Brittelli, Pete Carey, Phil Kriss, Ellie Lonske

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug McLane

ABSENT: Ron Collins, Ivan Quinchia

7:00PM Using the action items identified in the minutes of the June 16 meeting as a guide, Committee members updated the group on the following items, followed by discussion and recommendations:

**New playground equipment and its location:**

After the Committee reviewed John Hilson's letter and other feedback that Alison had received in writing and in person, the Committee agreed that no decision need be made until after the Academy construction projection is completed. The swing set and jungle gym could be removed and stored on the Town Shed property during that period.

**Gazebo and well water for plantings and human consumption:**

Cindy and Doug laid out the research they had done, and recommended that the artesian well be modified to provide water for irrigation and consumption, and that the gazebo be moved so that the well would be under the center of the gazebo. Doug had checked with Newfound Plumbing and found that there would be enough room in the gazebo to service the well. The orientation of the gazebo would remain as it now is: facing the church. The flagpole would no longer obstruct the audience's view of the gazebo at concerts. The post that has the padlocked electrical outlet (used for sound amplification) would be relocated inside the gazebo (checking for required distance from water source.)

**Signage:**

Cindy brought photos of signs from nearby communities. The Committee expressed a preference for a simple white sign with "TOWN OF HEBRON" in black letters because it would be in harmony with the buildings around the Common. Committee members suggested adding directional signs to "TOWN HALL" and "LIBRARY" below the "TOWN OF HEBRON" sign.

**Location of present memorials and markers, and possibility of a new veterans memorial:** This topic was referred to the Hebron Historical Society

**Trees and plantings:**

Doug McLane explained his experience with planting elm trees in the Plymouth area, and passed around post cards of elms that had graced area towns, including Hebron, before Dutch Elm Disease killed most elm trees nation-wide. Pete Carey showed a large photo of a stately

elm that had stood on his property many years ago. After many questions and animated discussion, the Committee thanked Doug McLane for his generous offer to purchase and plant one or two elms on the Hebron Common (and perhaps on the Ash Cottage property and the Meadow Wind property). Members of the Committee will take a fresh look at the Common and provide input on where they would recommend planting the elm(s). Timing on the planting would depend on when a water source is available on the Common for irrigation. The hope is that all this would happen in the spring of 2018. Phil Kriss expressed concerns about trees interfering with the Hebron Fair, but had suggestions as to how that potential problem might be resolved.

The minutes of the June 16 meeting were approved as written.

Next meeting will be scheduled for an evening in April or May 2018.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted: Ellie Lonske

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