## Hebron Common Landscaping & Playground Committee MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DATE: June 15, 2023

PRESENT: Fred Kohout, Chair; Garry Lahey; Barbara Kohout, Secretary OTHERS PRESENT: Paul Pellissier, Conservation Program Manager, NLRA

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm Minutes for May 18, 2023 approved

## 1. Reviewed completed items to date on the Hebron Common

- a. TLC cut and stump ground three designated diseased trees, and trimmed some others;
- b. TLC brought down the flagpole which was primed and painted the week of June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023; new hardware repaired and the "Old Glory Flag" was reinstalled and the pole back up 6/12/23;
- c. New England Lawn Care completed Step 1, lawn fertilization & lime (week of 6/5/23); reviewed next Step applications and gave directive to not apply any pesticides on the Common;
- d. Reviewed Bartlett scheduling for tree fertilization and tree care;
- e. Mark Braley, Sadies Daisies, delivered mulch to the Common (4 cu yds); soil(10 cu yds) also ordered;
- f. Viburnum shrubs edged and mulched, and daylilies planted with the Assistance of AmeriCorps NLRA Volunteers, Isabella and Antoni;
- g. Management of ant infestations on Common: Consulted with NH Extension Service, UNH, TLC and Paul Pellissier; recommendations to add topsoil, aerate lawn and add grass seed to encourage more grass root growth in these areas; spreading borax to deter ants as a non-toxic application may be considered if problem persists;
- h. Dig Safe scheduled prior to anticipated plantings of shrubs and plants (by Wednesday, 6/21/23); added line markings for planting areas and new Bocci Court location;

## 2. Planting Action Items

- a. Getting final costs and planting date for shrubs, by Mark Braley;
- b. Order 10 yds of topsoil for plantings and 2-3" on lawn in front of Town Offices;
- c. Plan landscaping design to manage water in front of Town Offices; recommendations by Paul Pellissier;
- d. Establish firm timeline for plantings and schedule for Volunteers;
- e. Planting of new trees confirmed for Fall, 2023;
- f. Paul Pellissier suggested tags to label trees on the Common (Forestry Supply);

## 3. Gazebo

- a. Select Board planning work for replacement of roof; Estimates received from Ethier Brothers for labor only @ \$6200, and Darron Becker, Contractor, for labor and materials @ \$2500;
- b. Plan for John Polus to move one railing to change opening to face the flagpole; review with Gazebo Committee;
- c. Scraping, base and topcoat painting of the Gazebo allocated to work by the HCLPC and other volunteers, scheduled over minimally 2 days (date TBA);

- 4. Wellhead Covering
  - a. Estimate for stone surround (4'x4') and install  $(3-Lakes Landscape Supply) @ <math>\sim $1000$ ;
  - b. Seeking additional estimates and designs by other Contractors;
  - c. Need for review and approval from the Hebron Historic Commission and SB;
  - d. Timeline to be determined;
- 5. Other Business: Develop a proposal to bring to select Board for an updated 2009 Survey by Alan Barnard of the Town Common to add the following:
  - a. Listing of all above and below ground utility lines;
  - b. Shrub plantings Summer 2023;
  - c. Bocci Court moved Summer 2023;
  - d. Record of new trees to be added Fall 2023;
  - e. As built design of Town Offices;
- 6. Hebron Playground
  - a. Committee planning a survey of interest for a playground at the request of the Select Board;
  - b. Survey to be offered during July, 2023 Hebron Gazebo Events with copies also available in the Hebron Town Offices;
  - c. Survey topics to include: location, cost, choice of equipment & age group and plan for old playground equipment (now stored)

Meeting ended at 6:14pm

Next Meeting: 7/13/23 at 5pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hebron Town Offices

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Kohout, Secretary Hebron Common Landscaping and Playground Committee