

Landscaping Subcommittee Special Meeting

Sherborn Library Board of Trustees

November 2, 2021

2 Attachments

Sherborn Library Landscape Berkowitz November 2, 2021.pdf

Town Campus Walsh November 2, 2021.pdf

Brian Connolly (Chair)

Kristiina Almy

Erin Carroll

Chris Kenney

Sue Lepard

Mary McKenna

Elizabeth Johnston

Mary Moore (Landscape Co-Chair)

Sam Nelson (Landscape Co-Chair)

Abby Fiske

Hadley Berkowitz (Presenter)

Janet Walsh (Presenter)

Amy Van Langen (Friends of the Library)

Sean Killeen (DPW)

Jeff Waldron (Select Board Member)

Call To Order: Chair 7PM

Chair: Received a new \$75K grant from the Weezie Foundation for the Sherborn Library Landscaping Fund. (Foundation also gave \$400K grant in 2013.)

Landscaping Subcommittee Presentations and QA

Mary Moore: Thanks Elizabeth Johnston for submitting the Weezie Foundation application. The Landscape work is really moving forward well.

Hadley Berkowitz Hadley Berkowitz Landscape Design

Reimagining the Sherborn Library Landscape

Goals of Redesign:

Native Plants, drought tolerant, heritage and original design

Regional Aesthetic, support local wildlife, thrives, color in winter

Replace mulch with plants

Pollinators outside children's room; Children's Discovery Bird Garden

History of the Library Landscape: Continuity

Town Campus Plan 2004

Commitment to Native Plants

Existing Trees

Initial Work: Tree work; Clearing

Recommended Native Specimen Trees

Recommended Non-native Specimen Trees

Proposed Phases

Phase One Spring of 2022 – Tree Pruning, Plantings, Focus on New Entrance

Native Shrub Border (Photograph)

Phase Two TBD – Focus on Secondary Entrances

Phase Three TBD – Lower Level Bird Garden, Retention Pond, Perimeter Tree work

Children’s Discovery Bird Garden – outdoor extension of library - bird garden and pollinators

Example of other spaces using natural materials

Library Plant Palette:

Shade and Understory Trees

Small Trees and Shrubs

Shrubs

Woodland Understory

Sunny Slopes

Butterfly Garden

Bird Garden

Rain Garden

Q&A/Comments

Wonderful plan, great to see it. Great to see the indoor/outdoor extension.

Do we have a sense of timeline on the three phases? Dependent on Budget.

Ideally Phase One in the spring (2022). Phase Two and Three depending on resources.

Projects could be spread out over multiple years.

Phasing is a great approach, start with the Weezie grant funds.

This will really help with the new orientation of the building.

Mary Moore: Committee will present a donor plan for trees, etc. in the December Board meeting. Need to keep maintenance in mind when accepting gifts.

Thanks to Hadley for the beautiful landscape plan and presentation; the community is coming together around this.

Elizabeth Johnston: Indoors and Out really will be wonderful.

Jeff Waldron: Thanks to the whole team. Can you present to the Select Board?

Budget goes in for FY’23 in December. Integrate with all Town Buildings.

Mary Moore: This is the plan and Janet Walsh will present this now.

(Berkowitz Presentation Attached: Sherborn Library Landscape Berkowitz November 2, 2021.pdf)

Janet Walsh Garden Rooms Landscape Design

Outside of Library but Adjacent & Incorporating

I was asked to join the Subcommittee for the Library and incorporate the work on the town campus

Presentation

Photographs of areas around Town buildings

Campus Center Concept

Municipal Campus:

East Campus: Town Hall, Library, Police Station, Community Center

Not connected – uniting is the goal

West Campus – woodlands (not used much)

Central Campus Vision – Central parking and access to entrances to all buildings.

Shift building access, shared common area, view entrances from single point.

Patterned elements throughout campus design: Plants, Lighting, Signs, etc.

Phased, cohesive design for whole campus – connect distinct spaces

Where are we now? Some of this work has been done:

Safe and visible pathways, Borrowed views, Island beautification, Cleaning debris, Storage, Handling invasives, Tree maintenance, Fencing and/or Green Landscaping, Bring in west campus.

Working with Sean Killeen/DPW at present on campus upgrades. Great crew, a lot of progress to date. Landscaping plans in development (hardscaping first). Welcoming campus is goal.

(Walsh Presentation Attached: Town Campus Walsh November 2, 2021.pdf)

Mary Moore solicited feedback:

General comments: Excellent idea, glad to see this in progress.

Mary McKenna: Did this work precede the library work? This has been going on for a few years around planning. Library project is definitely moving this forward.

Sam Nelson: So lucky to have the talent of Hadley Berkowitz and Janet Walsh on this project.

Sean Killeen: It's been great to work on this project.

Brian Connolly: Quality of work exceptional. Follow up on Jeff Waldron's suggestion to get this in front of the Select Board. Other questions:

Mary McKenna: Is there a budget? Mary Moore: First present vision, if generally approved, will get estimates and provide recommendations.

Elizabeth Johnston: Thanks to Mary Moore for the leadership on the project.

Adjourn to Executive Session

Adjourn to Executive Session under the following exemptions, not to return to Open Session.

Item 1: To discuss strategy with respect to threatened potential litigation if the Chair so declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the Select Board and Town, and the Chair does so declare, to discuss the Town Library pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Sections 21(a)(3) and (7) and Suffolk Construction v. DCAM, 449 Mass. 444 (2007)

Roll Call Vote and entered Executive Session 7:57 pm

Submitted,
Mary McKenna, Recording Secretary