

## **Sharon Green Committee**

**Monday, September 14, 2020**

### **Minutes**

**Present:** Betsy Hall, Linda Amerighi, Tom Casey, Stephen Wasley, Marlene Woodman

#### **1. Call to Order**

Betsy Hall called the Sharon Green Committee Meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes of January 14, 2020**

On a motion made by Marlene Woodman, the Green Committee Approved the Minutes as submitted.

#### **3. Old Business**

##### *Benches*

After discussion, the Committee decided it prudent to put the seven (7) benches indoors for the winter months. Stephen Wasley will move the other benches at the Ballfield and put all of them in the basement of Town Hall.

##### *Shrubs*

The Committee agreed that the shrubs in the white "boxes" should not be put back on the Green. Betsy will contact the Preservation Committee to let them determine what should be done with the boxes and plants. Marlene Woodman suggested that the cemeteries might want them.

##### *Christmas Tree*

A new Christmas Tree will be paid for by the Sharon Preservation. It is expected that the new tree will be at least 25 feet in height. The Committee agreed that the new Christmas Tree should be planted on the "South Green." For this year, the old Christmas Tree will be decorated. The electrical wiring will be left in place for other Green events. Bob Loucks will install a new electrical unit for the "new tree." The Sharon Green Preservation will pay for the expenses associated with this service.

#### **4. New Business**

##### *Locust Trees*

The Committee discussed the locust trees which seem to be dying. Betsy Hall reported that ten years ago, the locust trees were given an injection but at this point they may need to come down. Additionally, Betsy Hall will check with Perotti Tree to find out if the other trees on the Green are still on a "feeding schedule."

##### *Fertilizing Bids*

Linda Amerighi reported that she received only one fertilizing bid for the Green which came from Sharon Lawn & Landscaping. They have suggested fall and spring fertilizer applications.

Stephen Wasley recommended that we move forward with the fertilization but find out the cost for fertilizing "injections" as opposed to regular fertilizer. He reported that he has been fertilizing some small areas, but given the drought this past summer, he could not use the amount of water that was needed.

If we decide to go with regular fertilizing, we will purchase organic fertilizer and it would be free of all pesticides, etc. Linda Amerighi will get in touch with Sharon Lawn & Landscaping to get an estimate on injecting fertilizer as opposed to regular fertilizer.

On a motion made by Tom Casey and seconded by Marlene Woodman the Committee voted in favor to proceed with fertilizing, either injection or regular, subject to the consensus of the Committee.

#### *Re-seeding*

Stephen Wasley reported that he has been doing some re-seeding, but again, with the drought this past summer, it has been difficult to get the grass to grow. He will get in touch with McEnroe to find out if we can get some good topsoil in the spring and then use hydroseed.

#### *Procedures for Use of Green*

Betsy Hall indicated that there are no procedures in place for use of the Green by various organizations. Given the Green's renovation, it is important to have written procedures in place or at the least, a lease agreement that details specifics of use.

The Committee agreed that we should have an agreement or lease for use of the Green which should include Hold Harmless Insurance. Betsy Hall and Marlene Woodman will review and circulate documents from other "town greens" as to how they handle the public use of their Greens. Once we get the documents together, the Committee can review and write draft procedures. Those procedures should be reviewed by the Town's Attorney and then presented to the Board of Selectmen.

### **5. Annual Town Report**

Betsy Hall presented the Committee with the document that she would like to distribute to the Board of Finance pertaining to the Green Renovation Project, by R.A.R. Excavating, LLC. She noted that the final bill has been paid and we incurred a savings of \$105,798.81.

The Committee Members agreed that R.A.R. did a fantastic job on the Green. And the 21% savings is rare. The Committee approved send the report to the Board of Finance; noting that it is well written.

### **6. Other Business**

Betsy Hall reported that the Town is applying for a State Grant for sidewalks from Main Street to West Main Street (near Cemetery Hill). Should the grant be approved, concrete sidewalks will be laid.

The Committee discussed the locust trees, which are not in good condition, along the portion of the Green where new sidewalks will be installed. It was agreed that those trees should come down and be replaced with trees such as cherry trees and other types with less of a route system.

Betsy Hall reported that Sharon Preservation would purchase (replace) the locust trees.

The Committee agreed to cancel the November 2, 2020 Regular Meeting (the day before the Election) and hold a special meeting later in November. At that meeting we could finalize a document for Green Procedures.

## 7. Adjournment

Having no further business, on a motion made by Marlene Woodman and seconded by Tom Casey, the Sharon Green Committee adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene Woodman

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