

**Blair Square Committee**

**Minutes**

**August 24, 2020**

**Joint Meeting with Select Board**

**Via Zoom**

Present: R. Barbieri, E. Woodhouse, K. Conley, W. McGrath, R. Harrold

Present for Select Board: J. Cronin, T. Hein, B. Sparrell, T. Ahern

J. Cronin read the Governor's statement on the Open Meeting Law during the pandemic.

K. Conley gave the select board an update on the Blair Square project thus far. Mr. Conley gave the board the updated plan that had been approved by the committee except for the structure which has not yet been decided. T. Ahern informed the board that they had copies of some of the ideas for the structure.

K. Conley mentioned that the committee was looking at a possible grant if there is a Farmers Market. The committee has E. Woodhouse looking into this. The area would be handicap accessible.

The committee felt that One-way traffic on Front Street would be a great idea and would help with parking for events etc.

Some questions arose on the financing of the project. J. Cronin said that we need to meet with the CPC to discuss this. K. Conley mentioned that we might sell bricks with people's name on them to help finance the project.

K. Conley mentioned that the DPW could cut the grass and would also be willing to empty trash barrels as long as they did not contain dog waste.

T. Hein asked K. Conley to show where the green space was on the plan. She said that many small children play in that area and she wanted to make sure that the space remained.

P. Barbieri joined in on the phone and talked about the possibility of a local business having public bathrooms. In order for this to happen, they would need to have the septic system on the Blair Square property. P. Barbieri said that before anything can happen we need to get the soil tested. He has people ready to do this at no cost to the town.

A motion was made by B. Sparrell, seconded by T. Hein to allow soil testing to see if it can support a septic system. Motion approved.

K. Conley explained that the next step is to get conceptual design drawings we which we estimate will cost about \$5,000. We need the conceptual design drawings to be able to show the public. J. Cronin suggested that we talk with the CPC. T. Hein asked how the changes that come from the public would get incorporated in the design. R. Harrold explained that any changes that the public made and were accepted by the committee would then be incorporated on the design and construction plans.

J. Cronin suggested that the committee meet with the CPC for the \$5,000. He would also like the committee to consider solar panels on the structure. B. Sparrell suggested that the plan be shown to the sustainability person for any comments or suggestions that he might have.

A motion was made by K. Conley, seconded by McGrath to adjourn the joint meeting at 8:57 pm. The motion was approved by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter R. McGrath". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Walter R. McGrath, Clerk