

Blair Square Committee

Minutes

August 31, 2021

At Blair Square Gazebo

The meeting was called to order by chairman Conley at 6 pm.

Present: K. Conley, S. Lively, M. Ellis, P. Barbieri, E. Woodhouse, W. McGrath, I. Daniels, E. Nash and R. Andreola, H. Brockett

Guests: R. Weidknecht

A motion was made by S. Lively, seconded by P. Barbieri to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2021 meeting. Motion approved.

A discussion arose around the 90% plan and the monies involved to construct the common as outlined in the plan. There was concern that the town meeting would not approve \$500,000 for the project. R. Andreola said the new estimate was closer to \$400,000 and that the landscaping could be cut back some more.

Discussion arose on where we could go to get other funding such as grants etc.

At this point we went over the plan to get the committee's agreement on the items in the plan.

P. Barbieri made a motion, seconded by W. McGrath to install a guard rail around the area similar to what is at Casey's. Motion approved.

After much discussion, it was agreed to leave the brick area as shown on the plan. It was suggested that members of the committee visit Choate Park in Medway to get an idea of the brick area.

It was agreed that the trail would remain as shown on the plan.

Landscaping would be reduced as much as possible but we would keep the trees on the plan. Some of the existing trees may need to be removed for grading but would be replaced afterwards.

A discussion arose about electricity at the site. It was suggested that we might have 2 meter locations, one at the pavilion and one at the Veterans Monument. Upon further discussion it was proposed that maybe we could consolidate the metering to one location.

The committee agreed that the Veterans Memorial was no longer a part of the scope of work for Beals & Thomas.

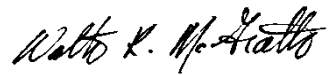
A suggestion was made to refer to this area in the future as "Blair Square Town Common"

The committee asked Beals & Thomas to incorporate the changes we discussed and complete the plans. When the plans are ready, we will seek at meeting with the select board.

A motion was made by K. Conley, seconded by H. Brockett to have the committee seek buy-in from other organizations in town and to also look for donations with a target of May town meeting. Motion approved.

A motion was made by W. McGrath, seconded by P. Barbieri to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm. Motion approved.

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