

## Parks and Public Spaces committee meeting

10/15/2013

6:30, Cockadoodle Cafe

Present Ola O'Del, Laura Rubenis, Lisa Campbell

### Agenda

- Review of last month's minutes. Approved by the committee.
  - Planning for bulb planting. Ola has been told that the money for the bulbs has been approved last week, and hopefully the check has been sent this week. Ola will find out if the repairs to the Depot fence will interfere with bulb planting.
  - Planning for next spring's planting. (Forward fest donations, \$35) Ola told the committee that Sandy Barry is willing to have her botany class raise some seedlings for us to plant around town next spring. Del expressed concern that the donations hadn't been brought directly to the town office, and requested that the committee follow correct protocol with any future donations. He further requested that Sandy Barry create an invoice for the needed materials.
  - Discussion of Chair position, and committee roles. As of November 1st Ola will become the chair of the committee. Laura has volunteered to be our committee's rep to the conservation commission. Lisa will continue to take the notes.
  - Other business
    - review of conservation committee minutes
- CC and buy out properties. Laura suggested that it would be important

for the immediate neighbors to the River Street property have the opportunity to be involved in the decisions regarding this spot.

- update on River Street bridge river access

Lisa has been in touch with the Vermont River Conservancy and the White River Partnership regarding potential resources for the development of an access to the Third Branch at the new River Street Bridge. Mary Russ of the WRP has contacted the Vermont Youth Conservancy Corp who is very interested in helping with this project. Unfortunately, they do not have a source of funding for the crew, so fundraising would be necessary. The WRP would be able to help with the fundraising, particularly if this project was combined with the repurposing of the FEMA buyout properties. The committee is in favor of pursuing this project. The Conservation Commission is already actively working with the WRP in exploring the options/guidelines for use of the buy out properties.

Next steps will include finding out if the CC would be interested in working together to develop a plan for addressing the needs of these properties, and exploring funding options.

- we discussed the need to gather photos and information for a P&PS web page (ultimately would be linked to the town website. Laura will be happy to develop the design. Winter project!)

- Ola would like each committee member to take ownership of one garden plot (doesn't mean they have to do all the work, but they would be in charge of getting folks to help them)

Ola will do the Church street triangle and the common.

Lisa will do Peavine Park.

Laura will do the River Street/North Road triangle.

Bob Taylor will do the River Street triangle and the parking lot bed.

This leaves the Richardson bed and the bed by the hardware store.

-The committee still has concerns regarding the stone work above the Richardson's bed. It is sliding, and constitutes a potential hazard to those working on the bed, or walking by.

Questions for the Select Board

-The committee requests a budget of one thousand dollars to cover the costs of mulch, bulbs, and plants for the 2014 garden season.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Campbell  
Secretary