

SCIAC
DRAFT Minutes
March 5, 2015
Flynn Building
9:30 am

Present: Deb Kruskal, Frank Riepe, Rich Davison, Bill Place, Jody Kablack, Maryanne Bilodeau
Michael Coutu, Kelly and Peter (Sudbury Design Group)

M. Coutu reviewed the revised design plans for the Town Center, beginning with the area in front of Town Hall. The steps on the walkway to Town Hall have been removed, but a different set of stairs in the stone wall in front of Town Hall remain. No other changes in this area from the plan presented in January 2015.

The Town Common plan included the following changes:

- Walkway grades revised to meet 5% in compliance with ADA
- Met with Bartlett Tree - looked at canopies, more work needs to be done after snow melts
 - ☐ Oak and 2 lindens in relatively good health. 1 Linden closest to Town Hall has damage
 - ☐ Maple in center has center structural issues
 - ☐ 2 other small trees ok
 - ☐ 3 trees in common can anchor landscape plan
- Light post added at First Parish
- Trees at First Parish are in good shape, sugar maple at corner needs cabling for structure

Plans for Grinnell Park included the following elements:

- Eliminated some walkway sections to simplify path system
- Relocated pavilion
- Added foot path to back of detention basin to create a loop
- Stone wall between the 2 lots has been relocated along Hudson Rd
- All walkways are at 5% grade or less, except near basin
- Location for a 2nd war memorial contemplated near existing memorial
- Trees in park not in good condition - crab apple ok, 1 Japanese maple good, 1 Japanese map in bad condition, mulberry in bad condition
- Good opportunities to replant for longevity and consistency in park concept
- Screening at southern end of park needed to replace trees that were removed abutting the residential property
- M. Coutu suggested beech trees and others

Frank Riepe asked if the amphitheater/pavilion was oriented towards the existing contours and M. Coutu confirmed it is.

Lighting Recommendations: SDG submitted some examples of granite bollard lights, 30 bollards are proposed, mostly in Grinnell Park.

SCIAC thinks some level of night lighting is important, particularly with the pavilion. Lighting should be minimized both for cost and to keep it consistent with the rest of the center. The Committee favored traditional post lighting at the edges of the park, along Hudson and Concord Roads, and use of the bollards or other low level lighting in the park interior.

SDG also noted that lights can be nestled into plantings to reduce their impact, and can also be installed in the trees (however there are likely too few to seriously consider this an option).

It was noted that the flag pole and monument should be illuminated.

In order to get a better overall view of the level of lighting in Center, the SCIAC asked SDG to identify all post lights throughout entire project area and plot on a plan.

D. Kruskal will confirm if First parish wants the post lights replaced or removed.

Building Illumination was discussed, although this is outside the SDG contract. However, SCIAC members feels this is important, and could be considered at a later phase, possibly funded through a Sudbury Foundation grant. Building lights should be consistent in color, but not necessarily style of fixture. Timers should be considered to dim or turn lights out at night.

F. Riepe showed some examples of post light fixtures and posts. The SCIAC must decide if they want wood or man-made posts, and what color. The general consensus was that the posts should be wood, stained dark or natural; they should be slightly taller than existing (7 1/2'); all members liked Frank's suggestion for post lamp style.

D. Kruskal articulated her vision for the landscape plans for the center. She believes the landscaping should be simple, no curved wall ends, less formal planting beds, less decorative, more functional. Specifically, she would like to see the flag pole at Town Hall moved out from the center of the gather space, put to side or edge of circle, and remove the benches at the corner of the Town Common.

Pavilion concepts were discussed, and the SCIAC thought this would benefit from more public consideration.

Next steps for SDG:

- Location of existing lights
- Full plan showing proposed lights
- Bollard styles
- Small changes to front of Town Hall
- Plantings
- Budget outlines

Next steps for SCIAC:

- Public Forum
- Name of the new park
- Verify that the Park and Recreation Commission will manage

Public Forum:

- Pavilion (scheduled for April 21, 2015)
- Memorial
- Lighting - street, walkway, building
- Plantings
- Walkways
- Town Hall

Minutes of 11/19/14 and 1/12/15 were approved, as was the 2014 Town Report.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.