

AZALEA PARK/RIVERWALK COMMITTEE

October 15, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Susan Adams – chair; Tara Marvel; Scott Osgood; Sachie Howard – secretary, *pro tem*; Joan O'Connor; Gene Fox

Meeting opened at 7:02 pm by the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting was tabled.

Treasurer's Report: No new information was available from the Town Finance Office. Susan needs the updated financial information for coming Tuesday's Selectmen's Meeting to receive the authorization letter to install another memorial bench. From August: General Fund \$5,449.22; Entrance Fund \$1,703.93. 4 out of 5 restitution for fence damage has been received and the money has been sent to the Town.

Arch Letters: Estimated cost - \$500. Bill will remove the letters, deliver them to the shop for restoration and will put them back on the arch for free. The estimated cost is for cleaning, priming and repainting the letters. Gene moved and Sachie seconded to authorize the expenditure of up to \$500 for the repair. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Brown memorial bench installation was originally scheduled for the Memorial Day, but it was postponed because of COVID-19 pandemic. It is now scheduled for tomorrow (October 16, 2020) at 2:00 pm. Gene will put the cable to secure the bench. The motion was made by Sachie, seconded by Gene and approved unanimously to proceed with the bench installation.

Discussion of the park maintenance: The Committee was formed to oversee the renovation of the park. The routine maintenance is the responsibility of the Town Parks Department. The damaged fence should be repair by the Town. Susan Adams has arranged to meet with Josh Levesque from Army Corp of Engineers to go over the river bank condition on Friday, October 23 at 10:00 am. Invitation to join the meeting will be extended to Tom Ballestero.

Birdbath: Tara has a stone birdbath to donate to Azalea Park. The discussion for the location followed with consensus to place it near the electric box. Joan objected to the installation based on the added work of keeping it clean and avoiding the mosquito breeding. No final decision was made.

ARM Fund status: waiting for email from DES to find out where we stand.

Winterization: Gene will put in the stakes at the end of this month to mark the steps and path.

No Halloween vigil is planned for this year.

Future Plan: New wetland delineation is needed before proceeding with further project.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Grange Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Sachie Howard, Secretary, *pro tem*