

## 1. Meeting Materials

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Town of Southborough  
Meeting of the St. Mark's Street Park Working Group  
Monday, March 6, 2023, 7:30 P.M.  
Training Room, Public Safety Building  
32 Cordaville Rd. Southborough MA 0177

### **REVISED AGENDA**

Those wishing to watch or participate remotely can do so by accessing the meeting link at:  
<https://www.southboroughtown.com/remotemeetings>

- I. Review/Approve Minutes of Meetings Jan. 18, 2023; Feb.13, 2023**
- II. Plans for Park Design – (vote may be required)**
- III. Public Comment**
- IV. Any other business that shall properly come before the Working Group**
- V. Adjournment**

Margarite Landry, Chair  
St, Mark's Street Park Working Group





Precedent Images





# **St. Mark's Street Park Working Group (SMSPWG)**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**January 18 2023**

**Southborough Town House - McAuliffe Meeting Room**

**17 Common St. Southborough MA 01772**

### **Opening:**

The remote, virtual meeting of the St. Mark's Street Park Working Group was called to order at 7:12pm on January 18, 2023 via Zoom technology. (As per Governor Baker's Orders)

Working Group Members Present: Andrew Dennington, Grant Farrington, Freddie Gillespie, Kevin Miller, Marguerite Landry, James Nichols-Worley, and William Sines.

Members of the Public Present & Commenting: Bonnie Phaneuf, , Patti Burns-Fiore, Kathy Cook, Jim Hegarty

Also Present: VHB Landscape Architect Greg Russell, VHB – Michael Kluchman

### **Administrative**

1. Meeting called to order at 7:12pm by Chair Margarite Landry
2. Amend/Approve Minutes
  - a. December 2, 2022. Tabled
  - b. December 8, 2022. Sines moved to approve, Miller seconds. Approved 7-0. Aye: Andrew Dennington, Grant Farrington, Freddie Gillespie, Kevin Miller, Marguerite Landry, James Nichols-Worley, and William Sines
  - c. December 13, 2022. Landry moved, Farrington seconds. Approved 7-0. Aye: Andrew Dennington, Grant Farrington, Freddie Gillespie, Kevin Miller, Marguerite Landry, James Nichols-Worley, and William Sines
  - d. January 11, 2022. Nichols-Worley moves, Miller seconds. Approved 6-1. Aye: Andrew Dennington, Grant Farrington, Kevin Miller, Marguerite Landry, James Nichols-Worley, and William Sines. No: Freddie Gillespie

### **Public Comment**

3. Comment from Bonnie Phaneuf asking if Town Meeting Warrant Article will limit spending on the park to the amount of money to be spent on the Park
4. Comment from — that tax-payers have the right to object to spending without mischaracterizations of criticisms, and believes that there should not be a Park on the parcel. Comments that former DPW Head Karen Galligan recommended returning a \$290,000 grant

from MassDOT. — also objects to transferring the current layout of St. Mark's Street to St. Mark's. Asks if members have legal authority to serve on the Board pursuant to "Advisory 05-02: Voting on Matters Affecting Abutting or Nearby Property." Comments that the Group does not have authority to spend money. Says that there are technical flaws with MOU between the Town of Southborough and St. Mark's School, Inc.

### **Plans for Park Design**

5. Gillespie discusses Recommendations Packet and plan for Park
6. Bonnie Phaneuf left the meeting room
7. Greg Russell, VHB Landscape Architect, answers questions about Design, including the accessibility of a potential path
8. Burns-Fiore comments on her Design Plan
9. Russell comments that a plan using concrete pavement would cost about \$150,000, Design costs depend on how much can be reused from previous design plans, may cost several thousand dollars.
10. Michael Kluchman comments that designers can work with comments heard tonight
11. Select Board Chair Kathy Cook comments that the Select Board would like to see a plan of the Park area before Town Meeting, although the Plan can be conceptual. Comments that VHB have hours left in contract with town to design conceptual "bubble" design
12. Group will meet again to finalize preliminary design concept before sending plan to VHB
13. Town Clerk Jim Hegarty comments that Group can include plans in electronic communications before meetings

### **Park Bid Package**

14. At present, the Group does not expect to spend any money before Town Meeting as they do not expect additional charges

### **Public Comment**

15. Patti Burns-Fiore questions if the Open Space Commission has reviewed any plans
16. Jim Hegarty comments that Group should have a firm deadline for no more designs, and that additional sidewalk on plan is a bad idea from a safety perspective because Route 85 is a busy street
17. Karen — comments that road safety

### **Administrative**

18. Dennington moves to adjourn, Gillespie seconds
  - a. Approved 7-0. Aye: Andrew Dennington, Grant Farrington, Freddie Gillespie, Kevin Miller, Marguerite Landry, James Nichols-Worley, and William Sines

**Meeting adjourned at 9:21pm**

**Next Working Group Meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 7:00pm**

**Documents**

St. Mark's Road Park Recommendations and Design by Freddie Gillespie

***Submitted by James Nichols-Worley, Secretary, January, 2023***

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