

## 1. Meeting Materials

### Documents:

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[MAIN\\_ST.\\_HISTORY\\_WALK\\_2023-01-17.PDF.PDF](#)  
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[PLAN\\_1-2-3\\_2022-25-08\\_ST\\_MARKS\\_STREET\\_PARK\\_COPY.PDF.PDF](#)  
[PLAN\\_4\\_DESIGN-BURNS-FIORE-WATTERS\\_2023-01-24\\_COPY.PDF.PDF](#)  
[PLAN\\_5\\_GILLESPIE\\_DRAWING\\_COPY.PDF.PDF](#)  
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## St. Mark's Street Park Working Group (SMSPWG)

### Meeting Minutes

February 13 2023

**Southborough Public Safety Building - Training Room**

**32 Cordaville Rd. Southborough MA 01772**

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: David Perry, Patti Burns-Fiore, Sally Watters, Bonnie Phaneuf

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. January 18, 2023 Tabled

#### Public Comment

3. Comment from David Perry
4. Comment from Bonnie Phaneuf

#### Plans for Park Design

5. Plan #6 presented by Miller: Includes path, small plazas/landings, "native lawn"
6. Plan #5 presented by Gillespie: Park needs safe entrances, plantings and fence on roads, professional landscape engineer needed
7. Plan #4 presented by Patti Burns-Fiore and Sally Watters
8. Group will request that VHB design plan with 3 exits, on Route 85, St. Mark's Street, and the Library Parking Lot, several small landings/plazas, and using a permeable material such as compacted degraded granite, crushed granite, or bricks, and considerations of wind, sun, and noise, and placement of trees, gardens, and lawns

#### Administrative

9. Nichols-Worley moves to adjourn, Landry seconds: Approved 5-0-2. Aye: Andrew Dennington, Grant Farrington, Kevin Miller, Marguerite Landry, James Nichols-Worley. William Sines & Freddie Gillespie not present/voting (out of the room).

**Meeting adjourned at 9:0pm**

**Next Working Group Meeting: Monday, March 6, 7:00pm**

**Documents**

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

# Main Street History Walk

## Proposed by the Southborough Historical Society



**Gregory Russell, PE, ENV SP**

Project Manager

Worcester Office

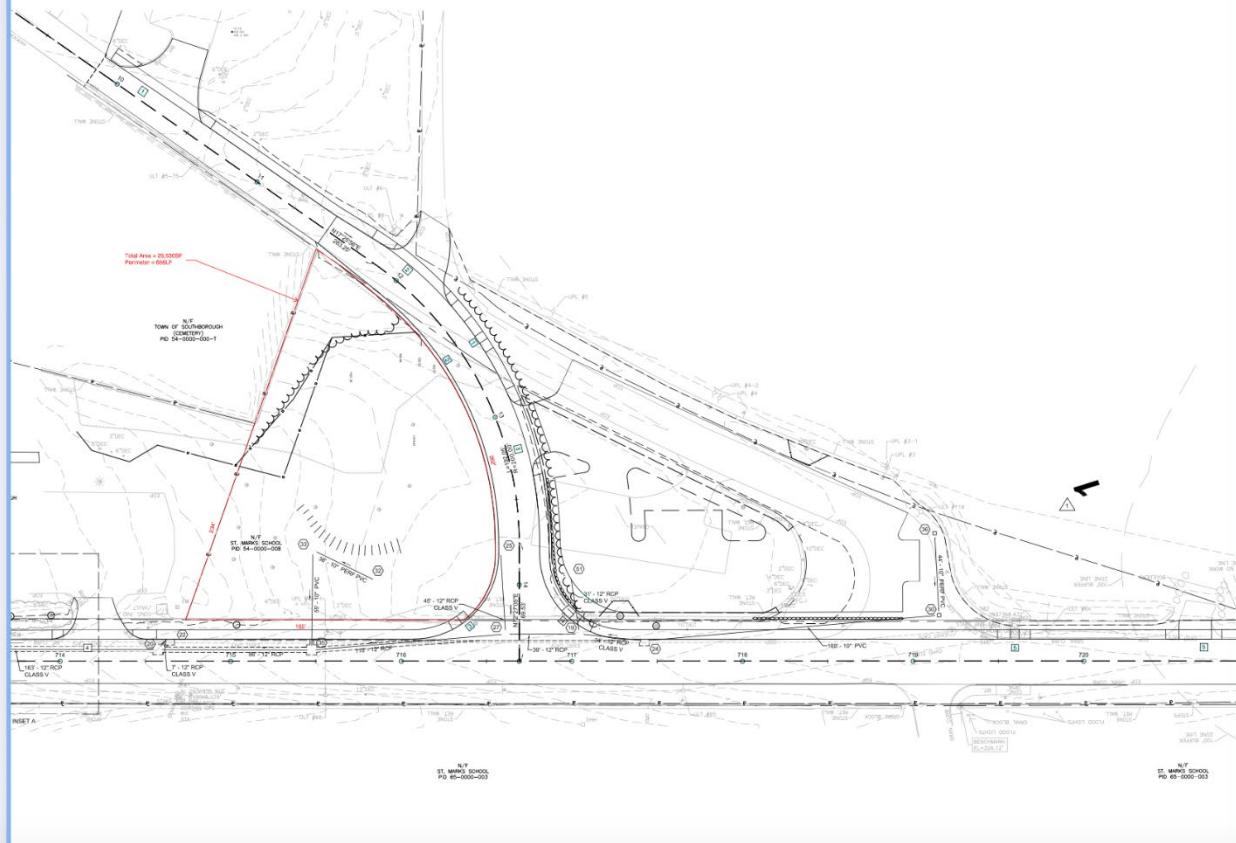
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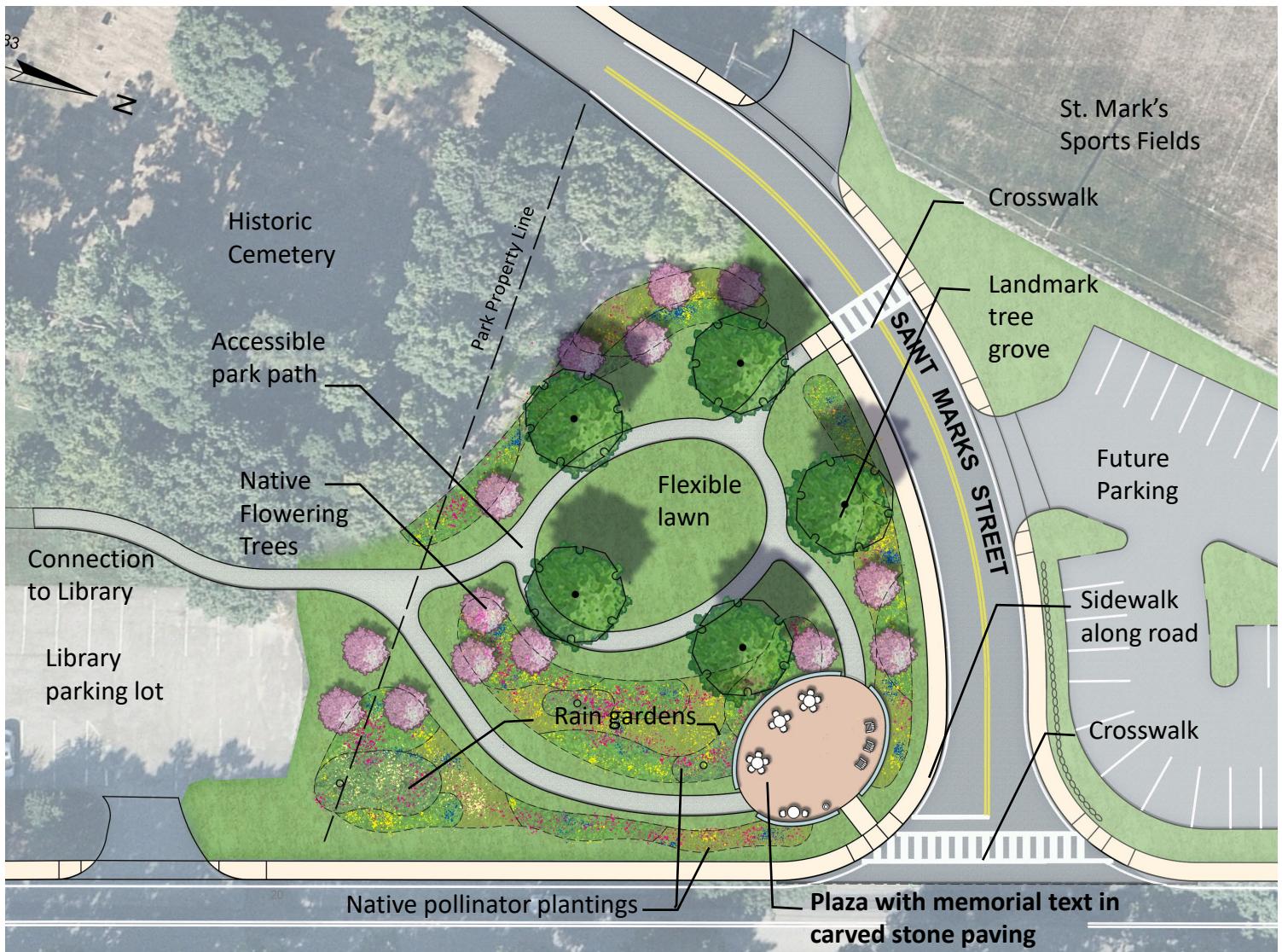
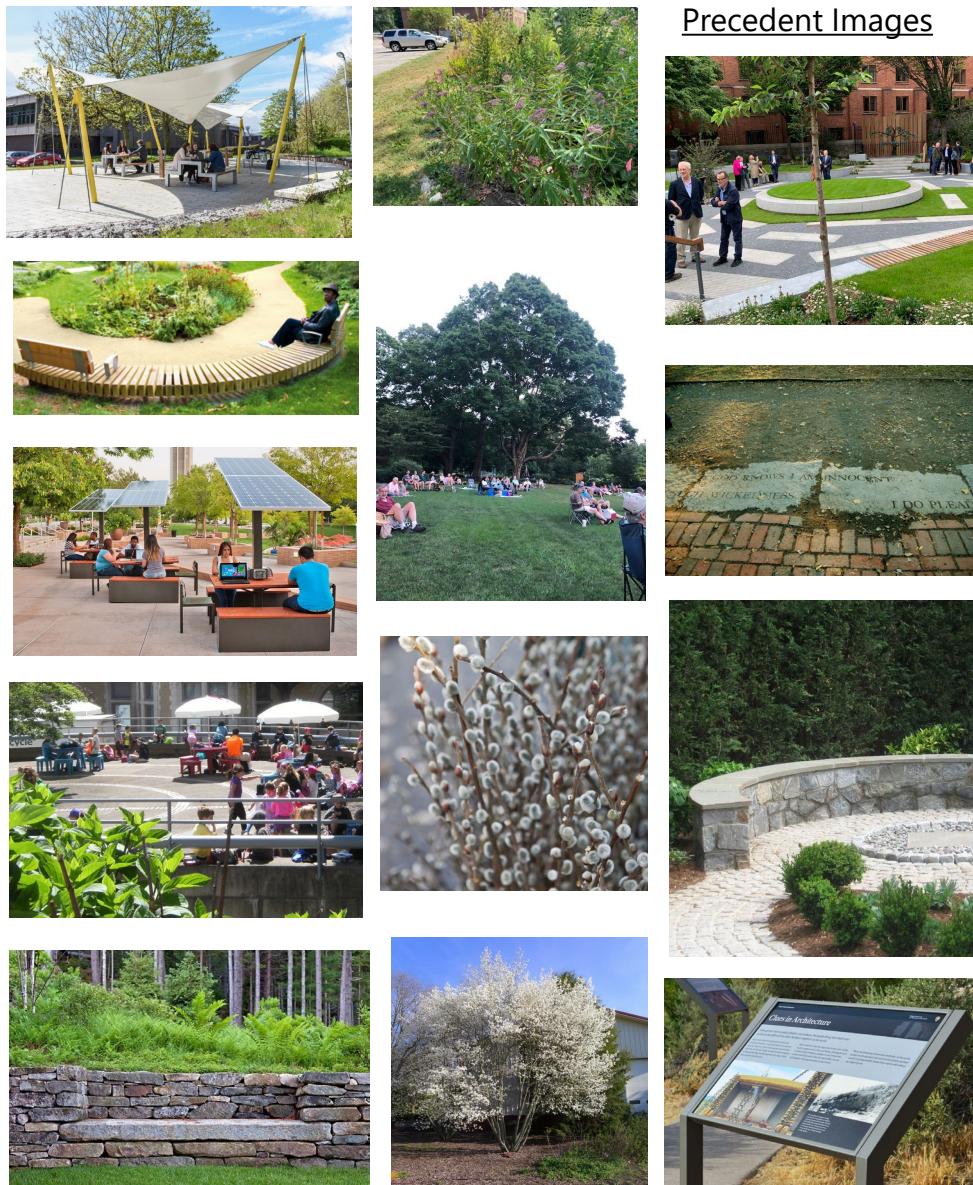
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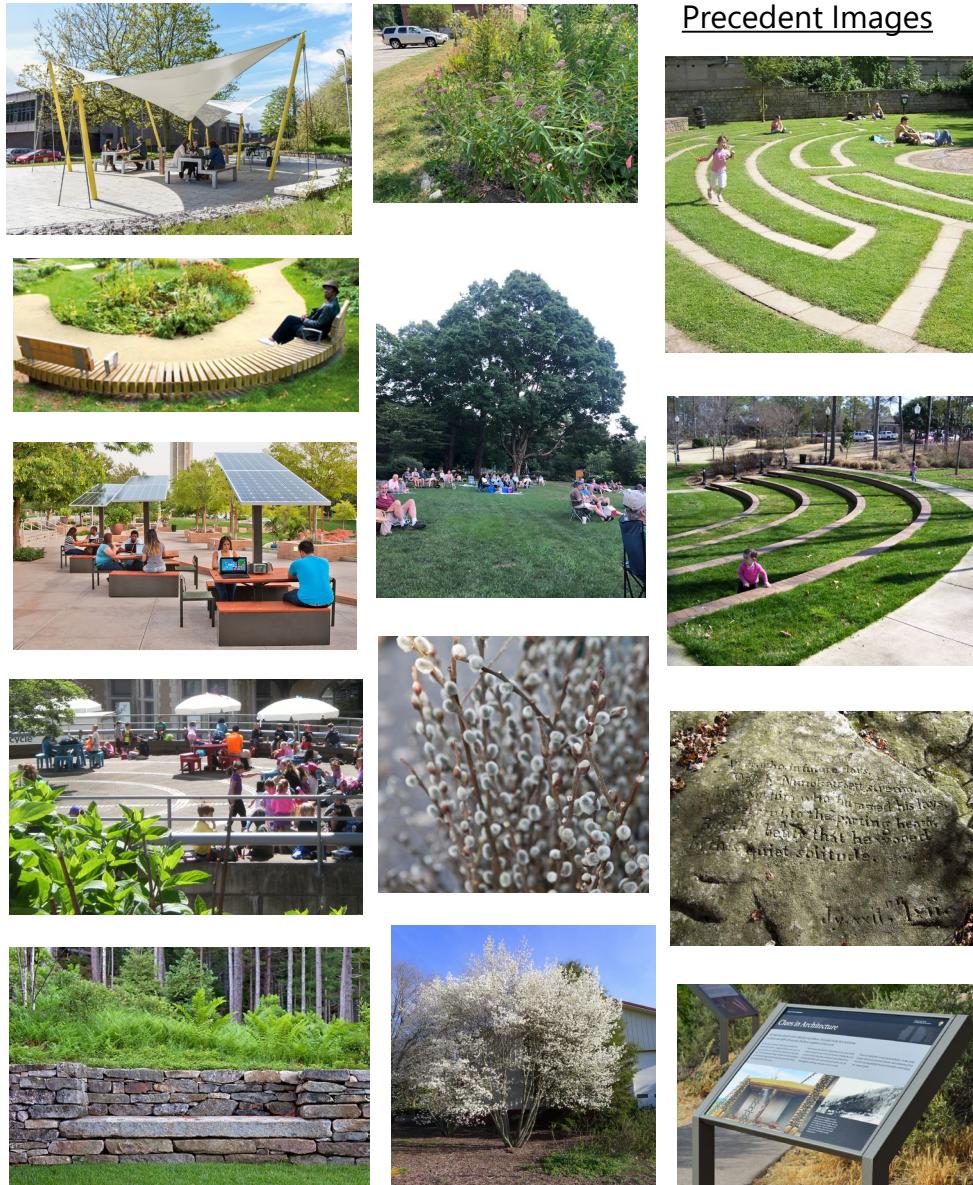
Michael Kluchman



## Precedent Images



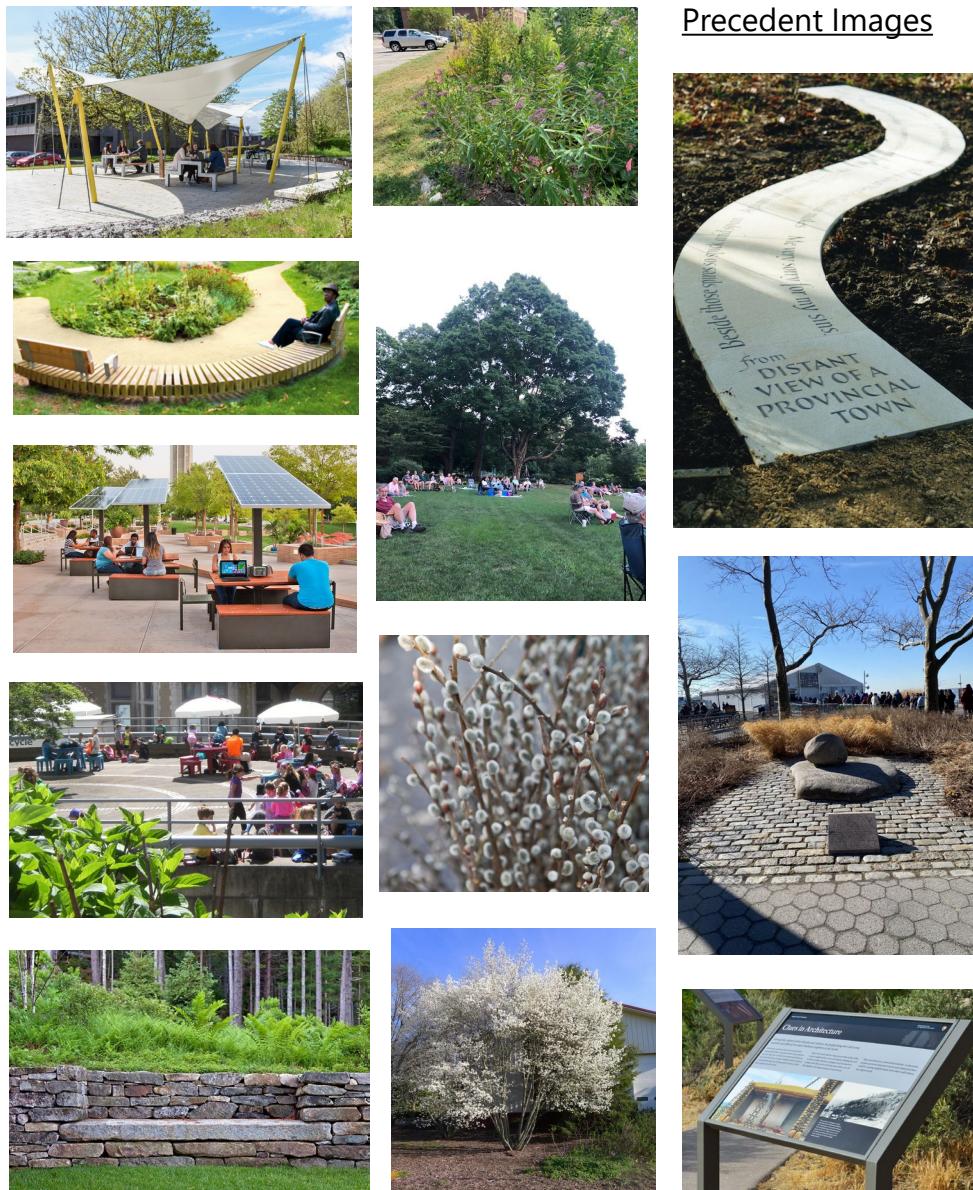
## St Mark's Street Park Concept Plan 1



**St Mark's Street Park Concept Plan 2**



## Precedent Images



## Park & Trail

Small plaza with inlaid compass rose/historical plaque in middle (1727-2027) features podiums with brief descriptions of areas of historical importance within view and creates an origination point for the history walk. History walk would be highlighted with inlaid brick in new sidewalks and a painted trail on existing sidewalks or pavement.

History Walk turns right, passing in front of Flagg School, by the Burnett Cemetery, past the Town Pound, turning left to continue between the Town House and St. Mark's Church (new sidewalk?) to end at Main St. (for future expansion).

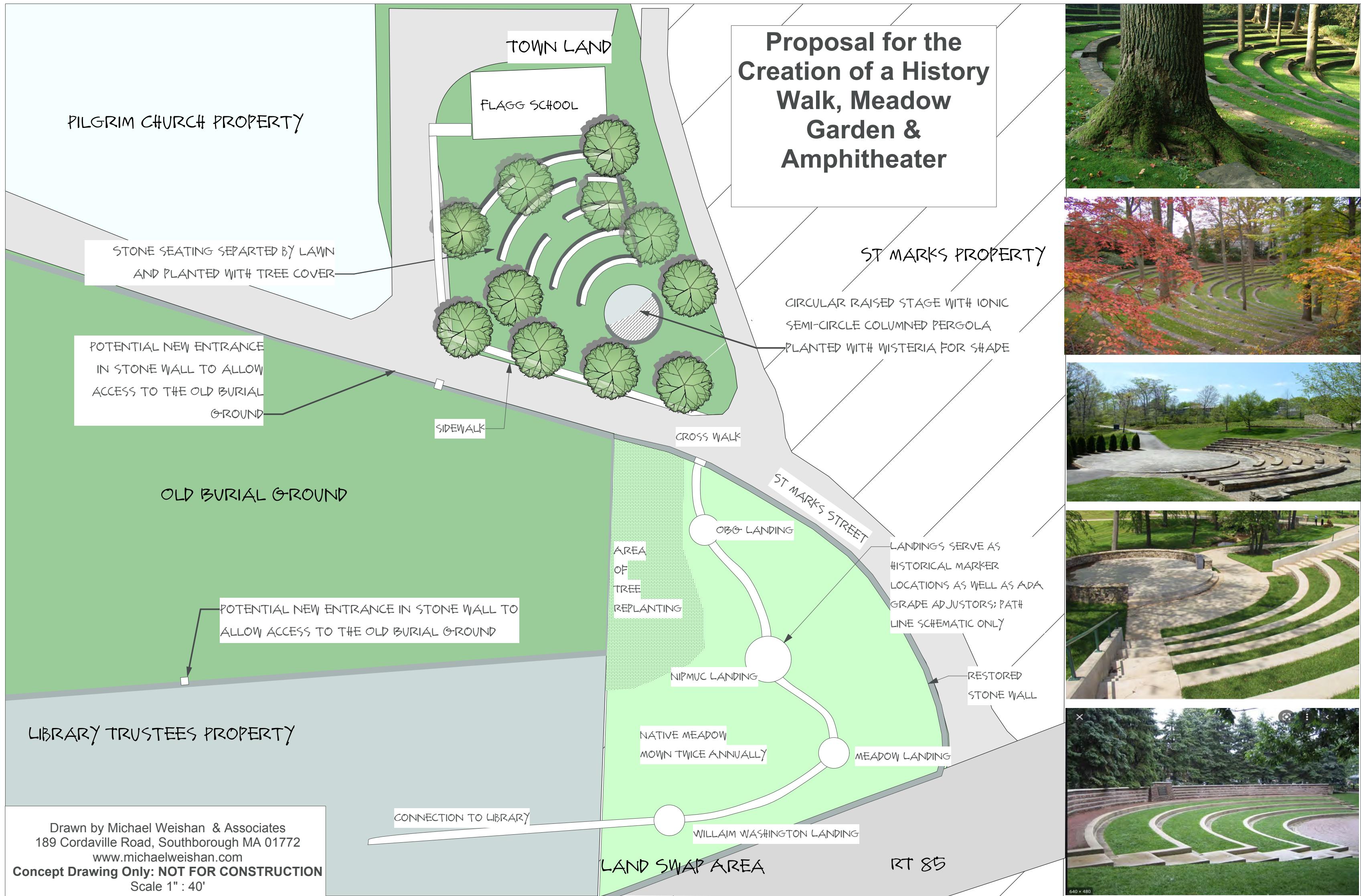
History Walk stops with info:

- Brief history of Southborough in plaza, dedication to Nipmucs
- Muster Field
- Old Burial Ground
- Flagg School
- St. Mark's School/Nipmuc Village
- Town Pound
- Burnett Cemetery
- Pilgrim Church
- All Wars Memorial
- Town House
- St. Mark's Church

Example of podiums to be used along the History Walk



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Town of Southborough  
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    - i. Historical Society – Proposed Downtown History Walk plan
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- B. Areas for discussion by Working Group** (votes may be required)
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  - b. **Plazas-Path intersections:** placement and materials
  - c. **Rain gardens:** placement
  - d. **Trees:** placement and species
  - e. **Shrubs and low plantings:** placement and species
  - f. **Fencing:** placement and style

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#### **IV. Adjournment**

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

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