

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

Meeting Minutes

March 6 2023

Southborough Town House - McAuliffe Meeting Room

17 Common St. Southborough MA 01772

Working Group Members Present: Andrew Dennington, Grant Farrington, Kevin Miller, Marguerite Landry, & James Nichols-Worley.

Members of the Public Present & Commenting: Kathy Cook, David Perry, Patti Burns-Fiore

Administrative

1. Meeting called to order at 8:12pm by Chair Margarite Landry
2. Amend/Approve Minutes
 - a. January 18, 2023. Miller moves, Farrington seconds. Approved 5-0. Aye: Andrew Dennington, Grant Farrington, Kevin Miller, Marguerite Landry, and James Nichols-Worley.

Plans for Park Design

3. Discussion of St. Mark's Street Park Concept Plan 3/3/2023
4. Some boulders in the site could be reused as stone walls, although are not yet planned; some rocks came from underground and were requested by St. Mark's School
5. Area North of moved St. Mark's Street will be a parking lot with ingress/egress in road
6. VHB Design does not show shrubs or specific historical markers or borders on the road that will eventually be there — **SOME DETAILS CAN BE FILLED IN LATER**
7. Paths in park are generally accessible; parcel will be flattened
8. Preliminary Plan is expected to cost less than \$250,000
9. Vote on Accepting VHB Plan 3/3/23 as a Preliminary Design to be Presented at Town Meeting
 - a. Nichols-Worley moves, Landry seconds. Approved 5-0. Aye: Andrew Dennington, Grant Farrington, Kevin Miller, Marguerite Landry, and James Nichols-Worley.

Public Comment

10. Kathy Cook comments that the Select Board will handle the overall presentation of Town Meeting Articles relevant to the Park; Group should be prepared to send a member to discuss

Preliminary Design.

11. David Parry questions confirmation funding will be less than \$250,000; claims that there is no evidence work done on the parcel has stopped flooding in the library
12. Patti Burns-Fiore commends the Preliminary Plan as a good compromise, and an improvement over the original design

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13. Dennington moves to adjourn, Miller seconds. Approved 5-0. Aye: Andrew Dennington, Grant Farrington, Kevin Miller, Marguerite Landry, and James Nichols-Worley

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm

Documents

St. Mark's Street Park Concept Plan, VHB, 3/3/2023

Submitted by James Nichols-Worley, Secretary, March, 2023