

## **MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**

### **VIA ZOOM**

A Special Meeting of the Landscape Committee was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Notice of the meeting was posted in a timely manner on the Fenwick kiosk and on the website. The in-person option of the meeting was cancelled due to weather and a notice was posted on the door of 4 Nibang Ave.

#### **PRESENT VIA ZOOM:**

Daryl Aresco, Tim Haviland, Meg Reynolds,  
Martha Staniford, Pam Christensen, Committee  
Members

#### **ABSENT:**

Robyn Gengras, Committee Member

#### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC VIA ZOOM:**

Marilyn Ozols, Zoning Enforcement Officer/ Land  
Use Administrator; Frank Keeney, Burgess; Duby  
McDowell, Burgess; Scott Pulver, Park  
Commission Member; Ethel Davis; Kathy Rehm.

#### **1.Call to Order**

P. Christensen called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

#### **2.Review of Charge and Jurisdiction**

Committee members discussed that the landscape materials and design should be very natural and appropriate to Fenwick as an historic seaside community and manageable in terms of maintenance and water resources. The development of a landscape plan with recommendations for hardscape will help maintain the natural look, beauty and character of Fenwick as improvements are made to the golf course and community.

#### **3.Coordinating Committees**

The Committee will be composed of a Burgess Representative; Member of Park Commission; Member of the Lynde Point Land Trust Board; Member of the Memorial Committee; the Borough Superintendent; and up to 5 Borough residents.

#### **4.Moore Meadow**

Martha Staniford explained the history of Moore Meadow and updated the Committee on the progress of a new planting plan with a goal of creating a sustainable wildflower meadow in memory of Wendy Savin. This project will be underwritten by contributions collected by David Savin in honor of Wendy. Bill Ross of Sullivan Landscaping has been consulting with Martha and her Committee in developing the plan. Martha and Daryl said the biggest challenge has been to figure out how to get water to the meadow to maintain any future plantings for at least the first two to three years. The well at 4 Nibang is not adequate and the water is brackish so the solution is probably to hook up to city water.

Martha also identified the other areas in the Borough where the wildflower committee has successfully planted native plants and Daffodil drifts.

### **5.The 3<sup>rd</sup> Tee**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Tee and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tee were identified as a starting point for the Committee. M. Reynolds suggested the Committee needs to make smart plant selections based on maintenance and water needs. T. Haviland recommended that the Committee develop an approved list of eligible native and natural plants based on a criteria of maintenance, water constraints, etc. that would be a resource for the Committee and Borough when considering new plantings. E. Davis suggested that Julianna Barrett would be a good resource in putting together such a list.

Nancy Haviland started a Pinterest page of inspiration images which P. Christensen will distribute to the Committee. D. McDowell sent photographs of the Misquamicut golf course in Rhode Island.

D. Aresco suggested that the Committee might want to consider the concept of a “master gardener” who could consult with the golf course staff on maintenance and possibly do a fall and spring clean up.

M. Reynolds and T. Haviland to lead the efforts to develop a landscape plan for the new 3<sup>rd</sup> tee which will include the hardscape as well as plantings.

### **6.Landscape Architects**

3 Landscape architect’s names were recommended to the Committee for consideration.

### **7.Next Steps**

- M. Reynolds to contact the 3 landscape architects to find out their availability and fee structures
- M. Reynolds and T. Haviland to spearhead the plan for the 3 tee
- P. Christensen to contact LPLT to get their list of native plantings including any recommendations they have from Julianna Barrett

- D. Aresco to think through what he and his staff can manage in terms of maintenance.
- D. Aresco to investigate options for hardscape and will reach out to Karen at Site One Landscape.
- M. Staniford to continue to spearhead the plan for Moore Meadow
- P. Christensen to distribute the Pinterest inspiration photos to Committee members

### **8.Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.