

Meeting of the Ad Hoc Town Common Committee for the Town of Deerfield  
May 17, 2022 - 6:30 via Zoom

Present: Kate Lawless (Chair), Pam Hodgkins, Denise Schwartz, Melissa Hale, Greg Franceschi, Kate Hart, Ben Bensen (Clerk), Trevor McDaniel

Called to order at 6:30pm

Kate reviewed recommendations from the Town Manager, including outreach to businesses near the project. We can continue with Berkshire Design Group (no need to seek additional bids) for construction supervision, etc. Communication with the Selectboard should be sustained.

Kate urged us to acknowledge the success (so far) of this project; all agreed! Special credit to Jane Trigere for impetus.

Next steps should include:

- Trevor to report to Selectboard, informing them that the committee wants to stay involved.
- Other grants can and should be applied for. Carolyn Shores Ness and Lili Dwight have ideas.
- The water district should be contacted to find out how these plans will affect the project

Trevor discussed the “historical appearance” of the park and wanted to avoid a “too flashy” appearance. Possibility of bluestone? Suggestion that we use Goshen Stone or equivalent to avoid “cookie cutter” appearance. All agreed that it should look new without being modern-seeming.

Melissa suggested the idea of posting a plaque to explain the project. She also suggested that we invite Huckle May (of Habitat Post & Bean) to our next meeting, as he has a number of good ideas.

Trevor suggested various methods of managing the bidding process and following through, and suggested that Berkshire Design could answer most questions. He also mentioned that there have been conversations with Mass DOT re. crosswalks, etc., especially high visibility crossings.

Denise asked if we have a general timeline, and thought about not interfering with the 350<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Also questioned the (Continuing? Ongoing?) need for fundraising. Trevor agreed that planning was critical. Denise wondered if we could show some progress this year, possibly plantings at the southern boundary.

Kate agreed to continue as Chair; all agreed that she’s been a very effective leader.

The next meeting will be at 6:30pm, on June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022, on the Common.

Pam moved, Kate seconded that we adjourn at 7:06pm; all agreed.