

Meeting of the AHTCC 6/6/22 on the Town Common

Kate L, Missy, Trevor, Denise, Ben (clerk), Kate Hart, Pam Hodgkins present

Meeting called to order

Denise moved, Missy 2nd approval of the minutes of 05/17. All approved

Denise reported some general feedback: Park St parking should stay. Two spots on south side will go, to be reseeded, but there will be ample replacements when the Leary Lot work is completed. Trevor's meeting with DOT about "several things", especially the crosswalks. The fountain centerpiece will stay; encircling rocks should be incorporated, somehow. We want it to look "like New England," not corporate. Are there too many crosswalks? Border might be stanchions, with granite posts perhaps (Pam Hodgkins shared examples). Might there be a splash pad?

Kate L asked about the implementation process. Jeff Squires of BDG had suggested that five months would be needed for the work, including bidding. BDG can supervise. Can't start until after July 1. Work should not conflict with the Town's 350th celebration in 2023. For starters: fountains, edging, initial landscaping, infrastructure. Ideally, planting to be done in the Fall. It would be great to maintain the fountain's appearance while enhancing the Common itself.

In general, all agreed that changes to the plan as presented to and approved by the Town Meeting should be few and limited in scope

Next steps: Trevor will contact Water District. Get a meeting with BDG to do small revisions. Walked through (and over) plans. Kate L. and Trevor will meet with Town Administrator.

Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm by acclamation!