

**Volunteers Green, Browns Court, Round Church Green  
3 Parks Improvement Committee (ARPA Funds)**

**Minutes from meeting held on May 23, 2024 - Approved 5/28**

**Members Attending:** Denise Barnard, Kendra Ziskie, Fran Thomas, Tess Storrs, Megan Andrews, Jeanne Agner

**Members Absent:** Mary Lefebvre

**Guests in person:** none

**Attending Virtually:** none

**Public comment:** none

**Minutes Approved** from last meeting on 5/2/24

**Next scheduled meetings**

**May 28** - Continue to refine and plan for the presentation on June 3

**June 3** - Present to the Select Board our plans for Brown's Court Park and Round Church Green

**June 20-** Review the June 3 meeting. Focus will be on reviewing the Selectboard Summit re Volunteers Green and planning for improvements to that park.

All members present signed the Code of Ethics. A copy was sent to Mary to sign.

**Agenda:**

**Presentation to the Select Board regarding Round Church Park and Browns**

We reviewed and updated the costing sheet to include the most recent quotes and prices.

Kendra created slides for us to review for a Power Point presentation.

We began with the draft slides and made changes and updates.

We planned how to present this information to the Selectboard, deciding who will present each of the sections.

First two slides -Denise will give an overview of the plan (first few slides) and how we got to where we are today. Introduce each of us.

**Round Church Green slides**

1st slide the map

-Fran will give a short history of the Green

Slide of benches and monuments

-Explanation of benches and table chosen. Concrete pads.

-Monument cleaning donated

-Benches - **how to maintain**. The benches are made of Ipe wood. As they age they get lichen. We are investigating products to clean the benches.(Wet and Forget and other products) We have to be thoughtful about how to clean and maintain this Ipe wood. Power washing could damage the fibers in the wood. Jeanne has a volunteer to help her clean benches for this year.

- Is the upkeep and cleaning of the benches something the garden/landscape committee could do - organize volunteers? Does that committee even exist anymore?

- We do have pricing for 10 boards of Ipe wood from the company if we decide that needs to happen.

-We discussed the placement of these benches and the placement of a pine tree that will eventually replace the existing tree that is too big to decorate.

- Landscaping - some tree work will be done soon. There are stumps to grind,etc. Will need to fill in the divots and reseed some areas

Landscaping - maintenance. Suggest tree inspection every 3 years by the town tree warden

Fencing - we are not suggesting at this time, however could be pointed out

A motion was made to present this updated information regarding The Round Church Green to the Selectboard on June 3.

### **Brown's Court Slides**

1st slide - survey of property that was done showing borders - acreage

2nd slide - drawing with improvement items that we are suggesting.

3rd slide -costing. We spent some time updating the current pricing and adding some sort of kiosk with history, maps, rules, etc.

We looked at the total that we have budgeted for this park.

At this point we had a lengthy discussion of how much would be "left over" for Volunteers Green versus presenting this for the Selectboard to decide. We discussed what some of the costs might be for Volunteers Green. Denise pointed out some other possible sources for funding of projects. Should we prioritize items that could be done now for RC and BC and what could be wish list items if Volunteers Green items come in low enough to meet the \$500,000 budget we were given. We decided to table this discussion and continue at the meeting next week..

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15.