

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

**Minutes from meeting held on May 28, 2024** Approved on 6/20/2024

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

**Members Absent:** Mary Lefebvre

**Guests in person:** Cara Labounty

**Attending Virtually:** Martha Nye

**Public comment:**

- Martha Nye shared that the sign posted at Browns Court showing the plan is great.
- Cara Labounty read a letter from Mary Lefebvre, a member of our committee, who has not been able to attend meetings due to work scheduling.

**Minutes Approved** from last meeting on May 23, 2024

**Next scheduled meetings**

**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.

It was noted that ACER has begun the tree work and should be completed by the end of the week.

**Agenda:**

**Continued to plan for presentation to the Selectboard on June 3**

Fran will present most info regarding the Round Church Green with Meghan explaining the monument work. We reviewed the slides for this portion of the presentation.

We looked at the total that we have budgeted for Brown's Court Park and discussed how much we needed to reserve for improvements that have not yet been determined for Volunteers Green. We looked at a variety of options for presentation such as presenting work that could be done in phases as the cost for VG became known. We

decided to present our BC park plan in entirety, but recommend that the Bocce Courts be built in the future when other funds become available, rather than at this time, in order to reserve money for Volunteers Green plans. We discussed needing to leave a reserve of \$350,000 from our budget for planning the improvements to Volunteers Green. We are awaiting the decisions of where and what we can build that we hope will come about as a result of the Volunteers Green Summit. We recognized the need to reserve money from our budget for a new playground, demolition of old playground and landscaping for that area, bandshell repair or replacement, bathrooms and repairs to ball fields not covered by FEMA as well as other items that may come up during planning sessions.

We need to see if a Clerk of the Works/ Project Manager stipend will come out of this budget or the town budget.

We then reviewed the presentation slide by slide, making some changes and deciding who would present information and items from each of the slides for the upcoming Selectboard meeting. We totalled the final cost of the two projects after our changes and tweaks. That leaves \$325,000 for improvements to Volunteers Green. Denise is certain that she knows of funding sources for some of the VG projects. The question was asked if we could find additional funding for some of the RC and BC projects. That will be a future discussion.

Kendra will send each of us the final presentation for review before June 3.

Kudos to Kendra, our tech savvy member, for putting together this presentation and for maintaining the detailed spreadsheet of quotes and estimates that we have received during this process.