

**MINUTES** of meeting, October 3, 2014

Board Room, Department of Public Works (DPW), 20 Municipal Way

Present: Diane Campbell, chair; David Wright, vice chair; members Heidi Kost-Gross, Kurt Somerville, and Paul Criswell (at 8:45); Town staff Janet Bowser, Dave Hickey, Meghan Jop and Mike Pakstis.

Diane Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

**Minutes:** Draft minutes of the meeting of August 28, 2014 had been distributed previously. Janet suggested a clarification to one item. **MOVED** Kurt, **SECONDED** Heidi to approve the minutes as amended. **PASSED** unanimously.

**Citizen Speak:** No citizens were present to address the Committee.

**Construction report:** Mike Pakstis said that DPW drain work at Forest and Seaver Streets was being coordinated with park construction in the area. The raised walkways were designed around the sewer line; the helical piles now being installed will not touch the sewer, but the walkway will pass over it.

Randy Collins of the design team has indicated which tree stumps are to be removed or left in place; for example, some will be left near the stream bank for erosion control.

Dave Hickey said that construction of the bioretention basins near Caroline Street is one week behind schedule, owing to delays in ordering and approving the various materials used in them. The same contractor is also working on the Walnut/Wales Street bridge, and dealing with some unexpected conditions there. Mike praised the quality of their work on the bridge.

Janet noted piles of sand, gravel, etc. near the playground in Philips Park. Mike said they will be fenced to keep children out.

Dave provided a schedule chart for the project, which he developed with the contractor and believes to be realistic. Diane asked him to continue to send regular progress reports, so that committee members can answer questions from the public, if asked.

**Bollard material samples:** Members looked at samples of granite, in various textures and finishes, for bollards at entrances to the Park. Heat-treated split granite was selected, because it could take lettering and graphics and still look somewhat rustic.

**Project Manager:** Mike said Peter Jackson is now closing out some other obligations, and will begin working full-time on this project in a week or two. He will monitor the construction schedule, report weekly, and attend FBPC and other meetings.

**Website:** Dave said he expects to go public with the website next week, incorporating FBPC's suggestions. The site will direct the public's questions to DPW or the Project Manager. The records of the former Fuller Brook Park Coordinating Committee will be accessible under the heading "Project History."

**Contract terms:** While seeking no action from FBPC, Dave and Mike informed the members that the principal contractor had asked to be reimbursed for mobilization/demobilization of his equipment, since he needed an income stream to cover payments on his performance bond. Although Dave and Mike were somewhat sympathetic to the request, they felt it came too late and wasn't provided for in the contract, and they so informed the contractor.

**Friends of Fuller Brook Park:** Kurt said a fall cleanup day is in the works; typically 20-25 volunteers participate in this Park-wide event. He would also like to plan for a specific project, maybe to control

invasive species, in the spring. Janet and Mike suggested he ask Peter Jackson to recommend a project, and coordinate with Town landscaper Cricket Vlass on it.

**319 water quality grant:** Although the Town hadn't yet been formally notified, Dave said a grant to Wellesley of approximately \$331,000 for construction to improve water quality is listed on a federal EPA website, so it appears the Town's application was successful. This is one of only seven "319 grants" awarded in Massachusetts this year. It cannot be applied to past expenses or to routine drainage work; however, upcoming special projects such as path reconstruction, bioretention areas, and pond dredging are eligible. If the Town can show results from this grant, it can re-apply every year.

**Art in the Park:** Paul told the committee of a local resident whose daughter has set up what she calls poetry stands in parks in Vermont and New Jersey, enhancing the natural scenery with appropriate poems by Robert Frost, for example. After discussion, the consensus appeared to be that, because of its Olmsted-inspired naturalistic character, Fuller Brook Park was less suitable than other Town parks for art exhibits and similar projects.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting of FBPC was scheduled for Friday, November 14, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Wright