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September 19, 2003

Eleanor Ottobri
27 Tanglewood Road
Wellesley, MA 02481

Re: ZBA 2003-58
Petition of NRC/Friends of the Wellesley Community Bandstand
Simons Park

Dear Eleanor:

Please be advised that at the Public Hearing held on September 18, 2003, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to grant your request to withdraw the above referenced petition without prejudice.

Any future petition regarding construction at Simons Park requiring relief from the Board of Appeals will require a new application, a new site plan showing the proposed footprint with all relevant setbacks, architectural plans, responses to all Special Permit Use Standards contained in Section XXV-D of the Zoning Bylaw, as well as all the information requested in my letter of August 15, 2003 and a check in the amount of two hundred dollars.

If you have any questions, or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen D. Gordon".

Ellen D. Gordon
Executive Secretary, Zoning Board of Appeals

cc: Town Clerk
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July 25, 2003

Mr. Richard Seegel, Chairman
Zoning Board of Appeals
Wellesley Town Hall
Wellesley, MA 02482

RE: NRC Support for Community Bandstand Special Permit Application #2003-58

Dear Mr. Seegel:

The NRC would like you to be aware that the Commission approved, by a vote of 4-0, the location and design for a community bandstand in Simons Park at its meeting on July 8, 2003. After many years of discussion and deliberation with the Wellesley Community Bandstand Committee, the NRC voted to approve the specific design and location in Simons Park, as shown on the attached plans. The history of the NRC process for siting a bandstand in Simons Park includes many meetings and a public hearing sponsored by the NRC for siting the bandstand in Simons Park on June 22, 1999, which was attended by well over 100 residents. All abutters within a half-mile of Simons Park were notified of the public hearing.

The Commission's preliminary unanimous vote, on January 22, 2002, to approve the bandstand in Simons Park was based on the NRC's conclusion that Simons Park will benefit from a community bandstand that will serve as a cultural focus for civic and musical activities, and which will compliment the new library and encourage residents to use and increase their enjoyment of Simons Park. The NRC determined that a bandstand is compatible with the park's function and surroundings, and that no natural features of the park, including trees, will be negatively impacted.

The proposal for a bandstand in Simons Park is supported by a wide range of Town boards and civic and cultural organizations, including the School Committee, the Wellesley Public Schools Performing Arts Program, the Wellesley Recreation Commission, the Wellesley Celebrations Committee, the Wellesley Veterans, several Wellesley garden clubs, the Wellesley Symphony, the Kiwanis Club, and the Wellesley Society of Artists. The Community Bandstand Committee submitted a petition with over 250 signatures in support of the bandstand in Simon's Park. In addition, Town Meeting members and the Board of Selectmen supported a resolution in 1998 in favor of the construction of a community bandstand.

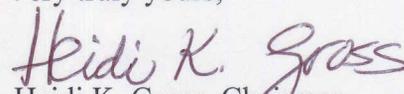
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In addition to approving the final design and location of the bandstand in Simons Park, the NRC's final approval was contingent upon the Committee successfully addressing the following issues:

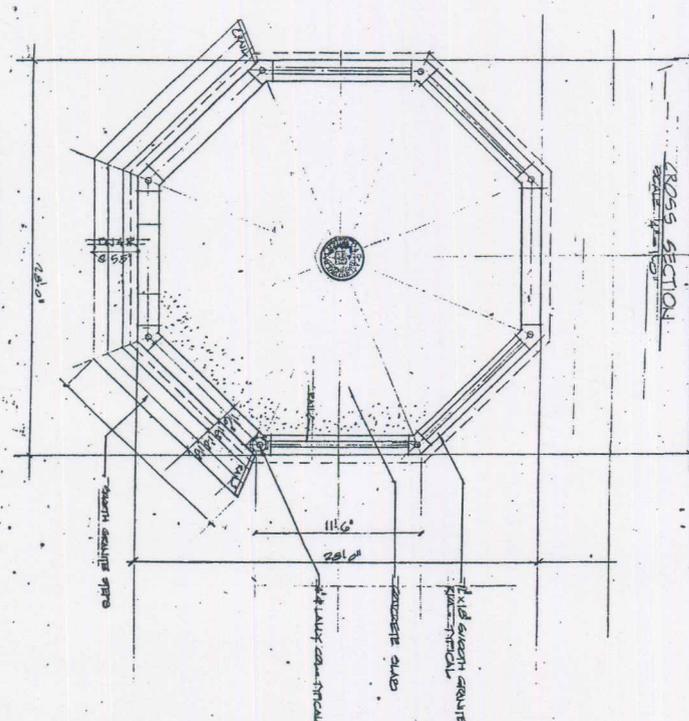
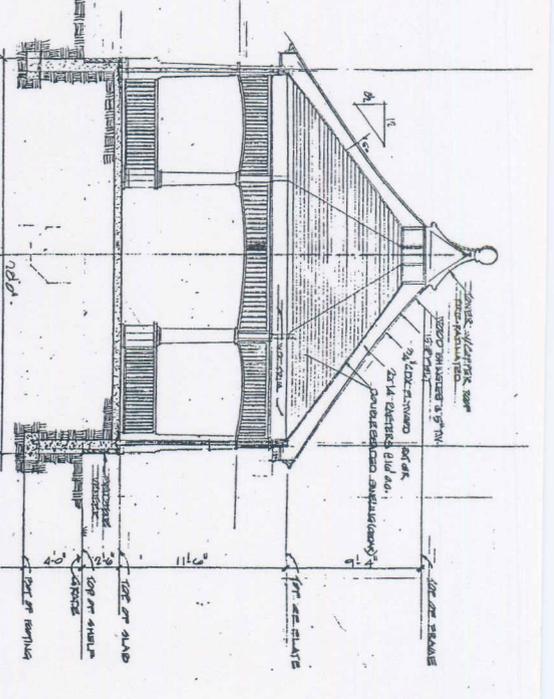
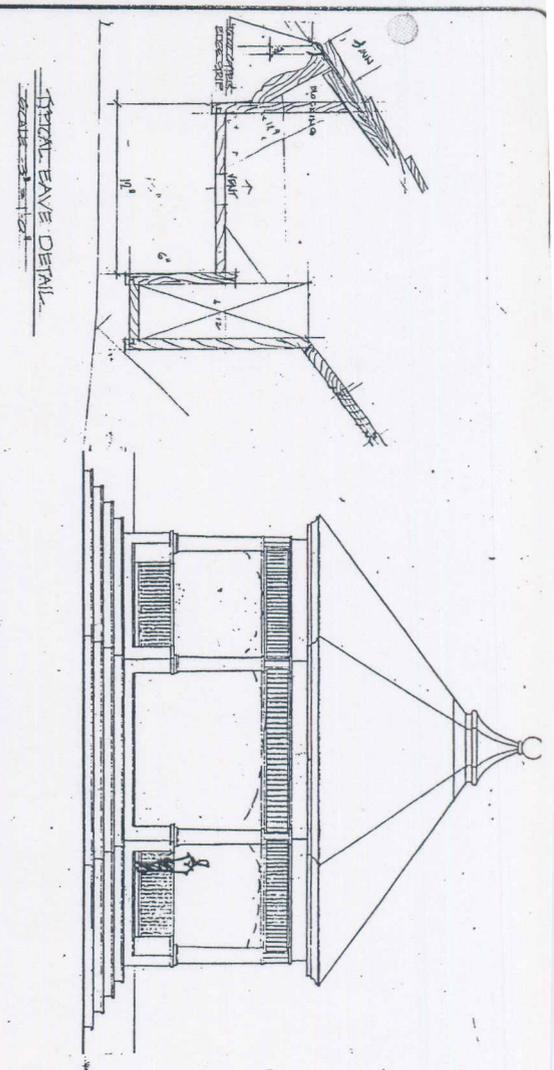
1. **Landscape Plan:** Approval of a professional landscape plan that visually ties together the bandstand, Simons Park, and the new library was required. As shown on the attached approved plan, the bandstand committee's landscape architect concluded that the bandstand would be best situated in Simons Park with no foundation or perennial plantings, in order to maintain the simplicity of the lawn area and the purity of the site. An ADA accessible path is proposed from the Library parking lot to the bandstand. The NRC approved this proposal.
2. **Scheduling to avoid neighborhood/library conflicts:** The NRC's concerns regarding potential scheduling conflicts with library functions was addressed by the commitment of the Wellesley Recreation Director to schedule all events at the bandstand, in order to ensure that there are no conflicts with library events, and that bandstand events do not run too late, thereby disturbing the neighboring residents.
3. **Parking/Bathroom Facilities:** Please note that the Haynes Management Company, owners of 40 Grove Street, has offered the use of their parking lot and bathroom facilities to be available to the general public attending concerts at the bandstand. Based on Recreation's commitment to schedule bandstand events, so that no conflicts occur with library events, and given the additional parking and bathroom facilities available at 40 Grove Street, the NRC felt satisfied that these concerns were addressed.
4. **Maintenance Endowment:** The NRC has required that the Bandstand Committee provide funding for a building maintenance endowment, and the Committee is in the process of drafting a formal agreement with the NRC.
5. **Wetlands Protection Committee Approval:** The Bandstand Committee has received approval from the Wetlands Protection Committee at their meeting on July 17, 2003, in the form of a "Negative Determination of Applicability" that did not require any special conditions or provisions for the construction of the bandstand.

The NRC supports the design and location of the Community Bandstand, and we strongly encourage you to issue a special permit allowing for the construction of the bandstand in Simons Park. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or Janet Bowser, NRC Director, at 781-431-1019, ext. 290.

Very truly yours,


Heidi K. Gross, Chairman

cc: Mrs. Eleanor Ottobriani, Wellesley Bandstand Committee
Library Trustees
Recreation Commission
Planning Board
Board of Selectmen
School Committee
Celebration Committee--Royal Switzler
NRC



- List of Materials
1. Base diameter is approximately 28'-0" diameter
 2. Concrete foundation walls w/field stone facing
 3. Steps are field stone risers and granite slab treads
 4. Flooring is smooth concrete with granite rim
 5. Columns, railings, posts, lattice, fascia, trim is cedar stained white
 6. Ceiling is cedar boards, natural and sealed
 7. Roof is cedar shingle with copper ridges, drip edge, trim and flashing.
 8. Structure is standard beam and rafters, cased and stained white.

Approved by NRC 7/8/03

DATE	2/15/02
DRAWN BY	J.S.
CHECKED BY	J.S.
REVISION	DATE
	4-5-03

SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"

PROJECT: WELLESLEY COMMUNITY BANDSTAND
GARDEN PARK WELLESLEY MA

PLANS • SECTION • ELEVATIONS

WASHINGTON STREET

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Cold Spring Brook

BROOK STREET

New Library

130 FT

100 FT

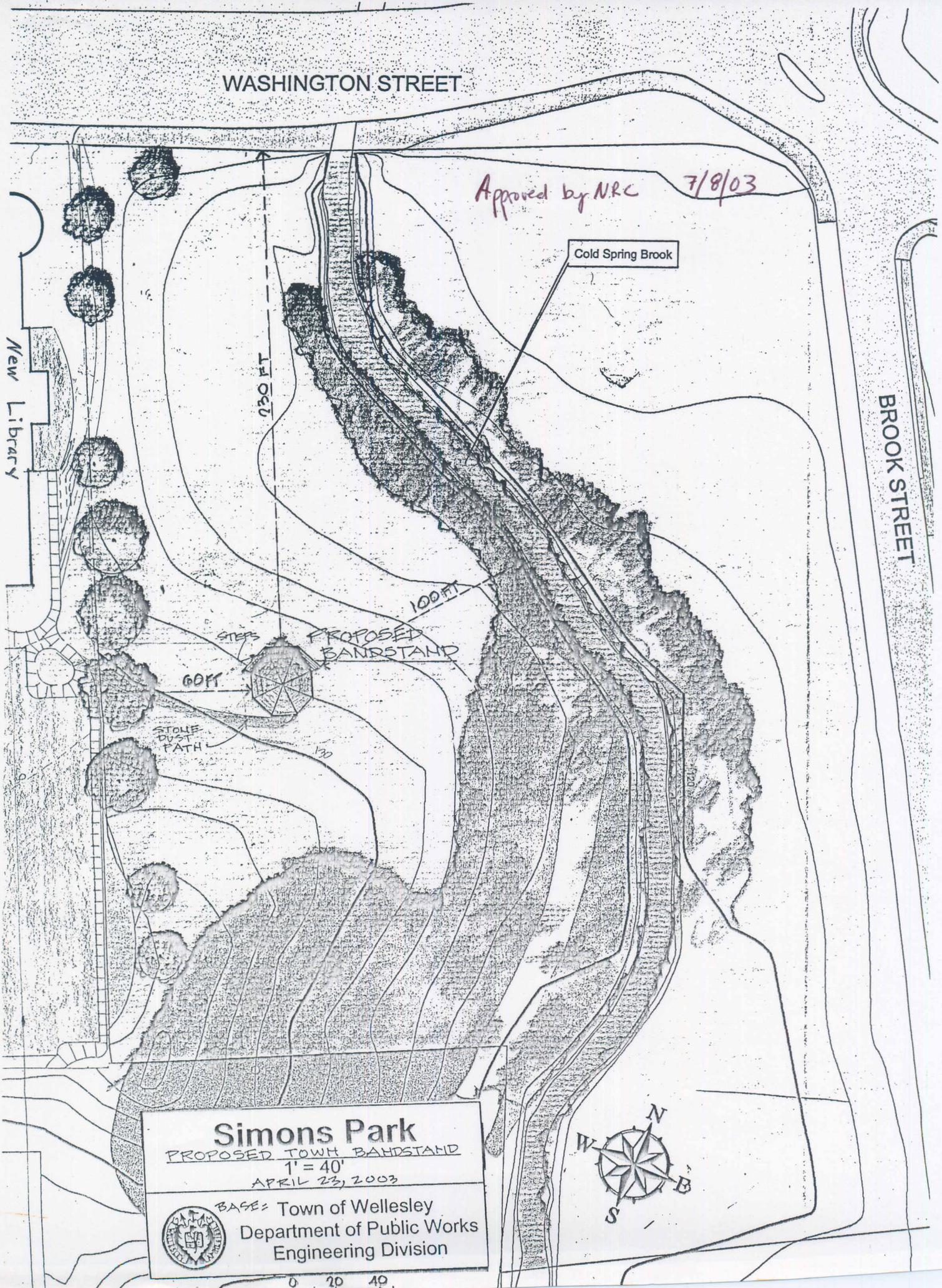
PROPOSED BANDSTAND

60 FT

STONE DUST PATH

130

200



Simons Park

PROPOSED TOWN BANDSTAND

1" = 40'

APRIL 23, 2003



BASES: Town of Wellesley
 Department of Public Works
 Engineering Division

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