

**MINUTES** of meeting, August 28, 2014

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

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

Diane Campbell called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of July 9, 2014 had been distributed previously. MOVED Paul, SECONDED Kurt to approve the minutes as submitted. PASSED unanimously.

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

**Construction report:** Dave Hickey said that abutters and permitting agencies had been notified that construction was beginning. Tree protection and erosion barriers had been installed. Dave has asked the contractor for a schedule more detailed than what has been submitted so far. Work is off to a slow start, owing to delays in the contractor's office.

Trees for removal according to the plan have been marked in orange; Randy Collins of the design team has marked additional trees for removal in white. Some smaller trees (under 6 inches) in stream relocation areas have not been marked, but will also be removed.

Work on raised walkways will begin with helical core samples to evaluate soil quality. Pilings will be fabricated in New Jersey and installed during the fall.

**"Found" art in the Park:** The NRC received a proposal from a resident recommending the creation of a whimsical sculpture in hobbit style from tree stumps near Caroline Street. An artist's rendering could be posted on the Park's website to help gauge public response. It was noted that previous proposals to display art in the Park had been rejected as incompatible with the Park's naturalistic character.

**Project staffing:** Dave said Project Manager Jim McNulty has indicated he would like to withdraw from the project, but will stay on until a successor is hired. Dave praised Mr. McNulty's work as conscientious and thorough. Dave indicated that the hiring process is already well under way.

**Website:** Dave described the new Park website he is working on as emphasizing not so much the document archive, as the previous site did, but more visual keys to the project. Maps will be interactive; clicking on a location in the Park will bring up pictures, perhaps even before-and-after renderings. A "live" section modeled on a similar feature of the DPW website will change content frequently with project updates. Dave will email pages of the site to Committee members for review.

**Member questions:** Responding to questions from Committee members, Mike Pakstis said that the new wooden stakes in open areas are reference points for the "survey control plan," which helps workers precisely locate plan features in the landscape. Dave identified the Bigelow nursery as the source of most (possibly 95%) of the plant materials for the project.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting of FBPC was scheduled for Thursday, October 2, 2014 at 8:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Wright

