

St. Mark's Street Park Working Group (SMSPWG)**Meeting Minutes****January 11 2023****Southborough Town House - McAuliffe Meeting Room****17 Common St. Southborough MA 01772****Opening:**

Working Group Members Present: Andrew Dennington, Grant Farrington, Freddie Gillespie, Kevin Miller, Marguerite Landry, James Nichols-Worley, and William Sines.

Members of the Public Present & Commenting: Sam Stivers, Kathy Cook, Bonnie Phaneuf, Patti Burns-Fiore

Administrative

1. Meeting called to order at 7:12pm by Chair Margarite Landry
2. Amend/Approve Minutes
 - a. December 2, 2022. Tabled
 - i. Approved 6-0-1. Aye: Andrew Dennington, Grant Farrington, Kevin Miller, Marguerite Landry, James Nichols-Worley, and William Sines. Abstain: Freddie Gillespie.
 - b. December 8, 2022. Tabled
 - c. December 13, 2022. Tabled
3. Public Comment
 - a. Tabled
4. Plans for Park Design
 - a. Discussion on usage of \$20,000 of discretionary ARPA funds for park design authorized by Select Board
 - b. Sam Stivers comments that the Group should ascertain the cost of the potential designs, and a "light touch" design for voters at Town Meeting
 - c. Bonnie Phaneuf comments that the road design and subterranean engineering work should not be affected by future work, and the Group should emphasize not affecting what is already there
 - d. Kathy Cook comments that the Select Board would like to finish the Park project; that

voters want to see a design for the Park and an estimated cost for the design. The Select Board would like design and construction to start immediately after Town Meeting

- e. Patti Burns-Fiore comments that Group should not spend money before Town Meeting, and should not include potential sidewalks in Group's design
 - f. Group will revisit the Tricentennial Park & Trail Plan submitted by Patti Burns-Fiore and may vote on spending for design bid at next meeting
5. Nichols-Worley moves to adjourn, Landry seconds
- a. Approved 7-0. Aye: Andrew Dennington, Grant Farrington, Freddie Gillespie, Kevin Miller, Marguerite Landry, James Nichols-Worley, and William Sines

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Next Working Group Meeting: Wednesday, January 18, 7:00pm

Documents: Park Design Patti Burne-Fiore

Submitted by James Nichols-Worley, Secretary, January, 2023

Accepted: 2023-01-18

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Hi, Jim and Amy,

Could you please post the attached minutes for the SMSPPWG of 2022-12-13, along with the document consulted in the meeting.

Thanks,

Margarite

Park & Trail

Small plaza with inlaid compass rose/historical plaque in middle (1727-2027) features podiums with brief descriptions of areas of historical importance within view and creates an origination point for the history walk. History walk would be highlighted with inlaid brick in new sidewalks and a painted trail on existing sidewalks or pavement.

Because of potential issue with burials outside OBG at intersection of St. Mark's Street and Common Street, Option 2 may be a better solution.

History Walk Option 1 continues along St. Mark's Street to Common Street, in front of Town House to end at Main St. (for future expansion)

History Walk Option 2 turns right, passing in front of Flagg School, by the Burnett Cemetery, past the Town Pound, turning left to continue between the Town House and St. Mark's Church (new sidewalk?) to end at Main St. (for future expansion).

History Walk stops with info:

- Brief history of Southborough in plaza, dedication to Nipmucs
- Old Burial Ground
- Flagg School
- St. Mark's School
- Town Pound
- Burnett Cemetery
- Pilgrim Church
- All Wars Memorial
- Town House
- St. Mark's Church

Example of podiums to be used along the History Walk

