

The Delaney Planning Committee
Unofficial Minutes
September 13, 2021

Members in attendance:

Tim Makepeace, Tracee Rupe, Cathy Walker, Fran Gilmour

Audience: Don Pruess, Paul Woodruff, Hilary Salmons?

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Tim Makepeace, Chairman.

Minutes from August were accepted. Tracee made a motion to approve Fran seconded, All were in favor.

Tracee had an accounting of the current pavilion costs. (Will send the file electronically) They were reviewed and discussed. There will be some credits coming to us from the return of materials and polyurethane. It looks like the cost is coming in about \$2000.00 less than budgeted.

Don told us he is meeting with Matt Jakblonski, the fire marshal, next Tuesday at the pavilion. He will inspect the building for safety and determine the capacity of the pavilion for events, as well as determine ADA compliance.

Hilary is meeting us at the park to discuss the water treatment areas.
Cathy made a motion to move the meeting to the park, Tracee seconded it.
We adjourned at 7:07pm

Left a sign on the front of the Town hall door to inform folks where the meeting was.

At 7:15pm we came to order at the park.

There was a lengthy discussion of the drainage that had been put in.

The swale behind the pavilion was approved by all, everyone felt a good job had been done there.

The drainage and grading of the parking lot also was approved by everyone there.

The new location of the port-o-potty and signs was all agreed on, and fine.

The holding area and the rock conveyance swale was also agreed upon and everyone felt it was a good job,

No impedance to park users.

The forebay and holding area at the edge of the parking lot was discussed at length.

Most of the committee members felt it was much deeper than we had thought, unsightly, and a hazard for park users. People will walk the most direct path and will undoubtedly walk thru the stone pit. Kids will run thru it, and dogs as well. The ground is sloped, and the rocks have uneven surfaces – real ankle twisters. Hilary said we could cover the surface of the rocks in the pit with smaller gravel, like in the conveyance swale. We agreed that would be an acceptable remedy.

The ground between the conveyance swale and the forebay will be wet and mushy after rain events. That will make for difficult footing for park users, and perhaps damage the path itself. There was discussion of a possible boardwalk to create an accessible path for folks, including mobility compromised. It would provide clear access to the dock, boat launch and picnic tables. Tim pointed out the deep end of the area was very deep and needed to be brought up a bit. Hilary said that it was doable and she would pursue it with her engineer, and Dave Riccard. Many of us felt that bringing up the whole swale closer to level grade would be better. We talked about using more wood chips, and other ideas. Again Hilary said she would have to discuss it with her engineer to be sure we wouldn't lose the efficiency of the forebay.

We spoke about using plant to demark the area to keep foot traffic out of it. Hilary had some sample plants of native bushes and iris that would naturalize there and perform well.

Much discussion about mowing, and maintenance possibilities and the pluses and minuses of plantings vs grass. In the end Tim and Don advised us to wait till spring to let the earth works settle in and tighten up before we make any other choices. All agreed on that. Hilary said she would see if she can keep the grant open for funding any plantings in the spring.

Next the selectmen told us the building was more or less finished except for the arched brackets which were to arrive this week.

Fran & Don told us the lateral supports had been installed by Jared before the ceiling was put up, and that no tar paper was required under the roofing shingles.

We talked about how to finish pavilion. It was agreed upon by everyone that enclosing the pillars in white PVC to match the trim was a good idea. We have the funds, the contractor and this is the construction time to do this work, before we install the arched brackets. Fran and Don were to get a price form Jared.

Fran made a motion to adjourn, Cathy seconded it, and we adjourned at 8:14pm.

