Meeting Minutes
Upper Green Advisory Committee
Wednesday, January 29, 2020
Newbury’s Municipal Offices, 12 Kent Way, Byfield, MA 01922

Members Present: Robin Etheridge, Janice Forrest, Anthony Matthews, Fred Thurlow, Amelia Random
Guest Present: Tree Warden Tim Lamprey

R. Etheridge announced the meeting open at 7:12pm.

The committee discussed edits to the October 29 minutes. A motion was made by F. Thurlow and seconded by A. Matthews to approve the October 29 minutes with the edits. The motion passed unanimously.

The committee discussed edits to the November 26 minutes. A motion was made by R. Etheridge and seconded by A. Matthews to approve the November 26 minutes with the edits. The motion passed unanimously.

Next Steps

T. Lamprey noted that it is currently a good time of year to prune dead limbs and assess the trees, which requires a public hearing. The hearing is on his to-do list. Stump grinding does not require a hearing.

T. Lamprey noted that he plans to spread gypsum on the Upper Green first thing this spring. The dollars will come from the Tree Warden budget.

T. Lamprey also noted that all of the trees presented to the town at the last public forum (listed below) would work well on the Upper Green, in addition to potentially an elm tree, keeping in mind that elms can be disease-prone. He said that when planting the trees, the town needs to consider the ultimate height and width of the trees. T. Lamprey suggested applying organic fertilizer to the entire Upper Green as well.

- Sweet birch
- Eastern Hophornbeam
- Red Maple
- Tupelo
- Linden
- Honey Locust
- Mulberry

J. Forrest offered the idea to plant bushes behind the baseball benches for a bit of protection and safety. J. Forrest also suggested planting bushes around the monuments and planting faster-growing trees on the Hanover street side of the Upper Green, since it is currently bare.

T. Lamprey said an ultraviolet light in the pond could kill the algae, although you would need a filter to remove the dead algae. R. Etheridge said it would be good to connect with the man who has been working on the algae. J. Forrest offered to follow up on this.

J. Forrest also offered to send an email to the Board of Selectmen to inquire about approval for the committee to extend the timeline of its charge.
The committee discussed pulling together a complete list of comprehensive recommendations for review by the town in a second public forum. The committee planned to meet on Wednesday, February 5th at 7:00pm, with A. Random circulating a draft recommendation list in advance.

A motion was made by F. Thurlow and seconded by A. Matthews to adjourn at 9:03pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amelia Random
Upper Green Advisory Committee Clerk