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Town Green Revitalization Project Minutes
Tuesday, September 8, 2015, 5 pm
Durham Public Library

Call to order: 5:00 pm

In attendance: Tina Gossner, Tim Larkin, Duncan Milne, Etzie Heyl, Ona McLaughlin, Joanne Nytch

New members Etzie Heyl, Joanne Nytch, Duncan Milne and Ona McLaughlin were given copies of the town Code of Ethics and asked to sign/return them to the town hall. Thanks to Bob Thody for painting the bell on the green.

Donations to the Town Green Fund as of this date equal \$22,335.55 including funds collected by both the Durham Garden Club and the Carl Otte Natural Resource Fund, a town fund. The TGRP has formed a partnership with the Durham Garden Club. Town Green donations over \$300 can be made to the Durham Garden Club and are tax deductible.

The committee discussed what they hope to accomplish this fall if funding is available. These tasks include: removing the remaining 6 trees on Town House Road, removing 2 small trees on Maple Avenue and removing one tree on Main St. All stumps will be ground out or removed. A total of 12 trees will be planted: ten along Town House Road, one on Maple Avenue and one on the island to the south of the green. A crushed stone path will be installed along Town House Road with 20 stone bollards to protect the path and pedestrians. Trees will be planted with compost and mulched. The total cost is projected to be \$32,060. These actions are pending approval by the Board of Selectmen on September 14. Tim Larkin will present the committee's plans. Ona made a motion to approve the guidelines. Etzie seconded. All in favor.

Russ Hassman of National Sign Corp offered a free sign for the green. The committee felt that a sign to be placed in the town hall might be the best option.

Tina had an idea to hold a wine tasting at Gastler Farm to raise money for the town green. Ona, Etzie and Joanne offered to help. Other discussion: Tim will check with Hans Pedersen to see if we can post our town green plan at the Durham Fair. Tina had it posted on the town website. We will look into seeing if there is a Fall Fest this year. Tina will collect money for the green at the Durham Pharmacy on Sept. 13.

Meetings in 2016 will be held on the second Tuesdays in March and September.

Meeting adjourned: 6:00 pm
Submitted by: Tina Gossner