

EASTHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

TRUSTEE MEETING, September 22, 2015

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.
2. PRESENT: Members: Norma Marcellino, Mary Shaw, Sharon Krause, Debra DeJonker-Berry
Guests: Clara Batchelor, Matt Oudens, Joelle Szerdi, Connie LeClair, Sheila Garry, Bob McLuckie, Sandy McLuckie, Holly Funston, Debbie Abbott, Al Sette, Earl Krause, Joanne Snyder, Al Alfano, Mimi Ace
3. NEW BUSINESS:

Matt Oudens, architect for the new Library introduced Clara Batchelor, the landscape architect for the project. The landscape design plans had been available in the meeting room after 10:00a.m. and have been approved by the Conservation Commission. The landscape contractor has not yet been selected

Clara walked everyone through the plans and outlined what they contain. Trees were selected for color, height, various types of field grass were selected, shrubs were selected for screening and perennials for easy care. She looked for plantings native to the east coast (not necessarily the Cape).

Many concerns were expressed by those in attendance, especially the Master Gardeners and Clara will go back to the plans and address them.

Connie LeClair suggested some changes to the trees in the plans. The number of perennials in each bed seems to be excessive to some and Clara will look to cut back on the numbers. The use of topsoil was questioned- some felt it comes with too many weeds and using compost would be better. The lack of irrigation is a very serious concern since the new plantings will need much water over the first three years. What would an irrigation system do to the LEED ratings? The timing of the actual planting was discussed. There is no need to have everything done at once-especially with the lack of water. Maintenance of the garden areas is also a major concern-who will weed and perform the required cutting back of items as scheduled in the plans? Should the library hire someone to come in a few times a year to work on the gardens?

The use of space-lawn vs. bluestone –in the Reading Garden was discussed. The group may look at the space in the spring as additional bluestone can be added. It's hard to visualize the spaces at this point.

In summary the main areas of concern are overplanting, maintenance and irrigation and these will all be looked and discussed again.

4. NEXT MEETING: The next Trustee meeting will be on Saturday, October 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.
5. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Marcellino