

MINUTES OF THE UPTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION
April 9, 2012

Chairman Barbara Burke, Russell Wood, Jonathan Meagher, Cathy Taylor, and Joyce Heywood were in attendance, as were prospective Eagle Scout Tyler Bartlett and park neighbor Jane Robinson

The meeting convened at Upton Heritage Park at 6:35pm.

Eagle Scout Project

Prospective Eagle Scout Tyler Bartlett showed the commission a plan that he had drawn up for a 10' X 12' shed that he proposes to build for the park. The shed will be made of wood and situated on a cement slab to be laid down by Tyler. The Commission discussed where to place the shed and agreed that an area to the left of the driveway near the parking area would be best. Barbara suggested that an area under an ominously leaning tree to the street side of the parking area would be ideal. Some concerns were raised about the stability of the tree, and Cathy said that she would talk to Mike Penko of the Conservation Commission about whether the potentially hazardous tree could be removed without legal difficulty.

Sign Placement

The Commission reviewed the area in which Keith Orreal's sign for the park will be installed not far from the property's Elm Street frontage. Barbara said that she had seen the sign and was impressed by the artwork and the size of it.

Raising Funds through the Naming of Trails

Barbara brought up Joyce's previous proposal to allow people or organizations to name trails in the park for a donation. Barbara said that she liked the idea. Jon, Cathy, and Russ also expressed approval.

Donated Bluebird House

Joyce showed the Commission a cedar bluebird house that she purchased and intends to donate and install on the park property. The Commission expressed its appreciation.

Heritage Park Landscaping

Cathy has looked into purchasing blueberry bushes from Bigelow Nurseries to be planted at the park on opening day. The price will be \$18 per bush, and Joyce and

Cathy will pick them up. Barbara suggested that Cathy talk to Macella Stasa about which nursery the town may have an account with.

Jane suggested that she would like to plant flowering shrubs along the left side of the driveway by her property line. The Commission did not object.

Joyce asked whether the man who had suggested that he might be willing to put in the stone circles called for in the park's design plan had been in contact with the Commission. Barbara said that he had not.

Heritage Park Opening Ceremony

The Commission discussed final preparations for the Heritage Park opening ceremony scheduled for Sunday, April 15.

Barbara noted that George Patterson would be donating a 20' X 40' tent for the dedication ceremony. Joyce reminded the Commission that she will also be bringing a smaller tent.

Joyce and Cathy will come up with a game plan for food. Barbara suggested that Shaw's, Stop & Shop, and Hannaford might be good places to petition for donations.

Park Walk

Cathy, Joyce, Russ, and Jon walked the rear portion of the park property. Cathy said that she and Marcella had recently worked on the trails by the pond and up the hill in the far corner of the park. The trail had been raked and blue paint chips painted on trees to mark the trails. All of the members present agreed that a fine job had been done and that the trails looked beautiful.

Jon pointed out that the neighbor whose property abuts the trail at the park's high point had posted his property and placed ribbons in an apparent effort to mark his property line.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.