

Grand View Meeting

May 13, 2009

The meeting was held at the town Hall Annex and opened at 7 PM

Present were Co Chairman Nick Rubino, Selectman Walter Zenkin, Bill McDonough, Toni Faria, Roger Morrison and Rob Zahora.

Phase 1 Construction update. Walter Zenkin spoke about the progress being made on the site. He reported that the foundation has been poured and the granite blocks will be put into place as the facing of the foundation. Temporary jacks were set in place as the work progressed. New beams are being installed in place of rotted beams as the project moves forward. Walter brought a sample of the rotted wood as an example of what needed to be replaced. He also had a binder of interior photographs taken of work in progress. The fire places are being protected, and the shed or “dog house” on the left of the house that was removed will be restored. He answered a variety of questions from the committee on the work being done on the site, and will schedule a walking tour of the interior for the committee soon.

Walter then spoke about the engineering change orders that will be taken care of with money set aside for that purpose.

Newspaper and TV Coverage - Judy Wasserman Public Relations Coordinator

An article written by Judy Wasserman was printed The Daily Times Chronicle today. It provided an up to date report on the progress of the Grand View project.

Web Site - Rob Zahora and Amy Warfield

Material for the web site may include the discovery of recent artifacts found at Grand View. Toni Faria reported that Assistant Tom Hickey presented her with three artifacts found at the Grand View site. They were a 1942 electric bill for \$8.58, a six-inch spike, and a one-inch musket ball all found in the rubble of the construction site. The committee agreed that the information could be included on the web site, and perhaps it could be part of a display when the GRV project is completed. The information will be sent to Rob for the web site. He added that the coverage of the groundbreaking would eventually be added to the web site.

Buy a Brick - Bill McDonough

Bill has done extensive research on the purchase of the bricks. He then gave the information on the vendors and the choices they provide as well as the prices. Bill explained that the size and style of lettering on the bricks determined the price. The prices are:

4 x8 Bricks

Bricks with Fine Print are \$17.00
Wide print 23.50
Selling price 50.00

8x8 Bricks

8x8 are \$29.00
29.00
150.00

In addition, the price for a brick with the GRV logo on it is \$12.00. A concern was that the cold weather adversely affects the lettering. Shipping charges were also a concern.

After lengthy discussion by the committee, he agreed to contact the vendors with questions on options for the lettering on the bricks, prices, delivery charges, and the adverse effects of cold weather on the lettering on the bricks.

Bill contacted the Shawsheen School to ask if they would be interested in having the students lay the bricks at Grand View. The school has done the brick work for Burlington locations such as the Simonds park and the Fox Hill School, and most likely will accept the project. Details will have to be worked out about the student requirements for bathroom facilities on the work site. It was suggested that the Police station or Human Services building could provide that request.

The school will contact Bill as soon as the request has been presented to the Superintendent.

A discussion followed on the possible date of the start of the brick placement. October was agreed as a

good target date because the ribbon cutting ceremony will be done at that time. The suggested site for the installation of the bricks will be to the left of the front of the building.

Nick reminded all committee members to search for local landscapers to design the layout for the bricks. It was suggested that perhaps the Shawsheen could do that as well as laying the bricks.

He reported that he had the original list of people who purchased bricks.

Various locations for handing out flyers for the purchase of the bricks were once again discussed. Bill gave the price for the mass mailing. Would be \$2,235.00. It was agreed that it was costly and we may not sell enough bricks to make it worthwhile. Another method of advertising the sale of the bricks could be used. Perhaps at the Town Common on Concert and film nights in the summer. Another idea was to have GRV members stationed at the intersection of Cambridge Street and Bedford Street with signs to "Buy a Brick" or to give out flyers.

The purchase of benches for the brick patio area is also being studied. Nick has catalogs and will investigate the choices.

Toni spoke about a Fall Fair planned for the last weekend in Sept. and the Pumpkin contest. In conjunction with the Burlington Reads program the Historical Commission and society presented an Early Farms program in April. It included the distribution of giant Pumpkin seeds. At the Fair the pumpkins will be brought for judging.

Since Charles McIntire of Grand view Farm was known the "Squash King" it would be a good tie in with the Grand View Phase I completion, as well as Abner Marion's 200th birthday.

Phase II - Meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Phase I Ribbon Cutting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Toni Faria