

Grand View Advisory Committee Meeting

October 14, 2009

The meeting opened at 7 PM. Attending were Co-chairman Nick Rubino, Bill McDonough, Rob Zahora, Selectman Walter Zenkin, Mike Tredeau, Judy Wasserman, Kathi Horton, Hope Paulsen, Toni Faria and Janet Atkinson.

The minutes of the last meeting will be read at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report - In the absence of Treasurer, Kevin McKelvey, there was no report.

Phase II Status -

Shawsheen, SEA and the Town of Burlington will work together at Grand View. Shawsheen will work on the drafting, and SEA will check it at the end of the month. The heating and electrical work will follow.

Co-chairman Nick Rubino reported that local resident, Ryan Wikman of Wik Works, Inc., a landscape Architect, will design the area chosen for the brick placement. He has volunteered to install Phase I of the bricks. The committee appreciates Mr. Wikman coming forward to help in the effort to have the bricks put into place in a timely fashion. The work may start on October 19th.

Nick displayed and explained the three options for the placement of the bricks on the island in front of GRV. A discussion followed on the merits of each design. Some of the suggestions were, the addition of a plaque placed closer to the side walk, the use of low shrubs to be placed between the bricks and the street for safety issues, less trees and benches placed closer to the sidewalk. In addition they suggested keeping the driveway area clear. A vote was taken on the three drawings presented.

Option 1 had 5 votes. And option 3 had 3 votes. No votes for option 2.

In the case of option 1 the committee assumed the bricks would be read as you walk into the area. Also mentioned was the use of two plaques, one on the island and one on the on the side of the house facing the house.

The plans will be presented to the Police, DPW and the Board of Selectmen.

Buy a Brick - Bill McDonough

Bill reported that the total for the bricks donated in memory of Donald Sleeper totaled \$1,000. Eight bricks have been sold at the start of Phase II. Applications will be available at the Clerk's office, Library and Town Hall. In addition they will be at the Grand View site.

Options were discussed for the best way to reach the public to create more sales of the bricks. The committee will try to be at the polls, distribute the flyers whenever possible, and perhaps to insert another flyer in the newspaper (\$440). It will be discussed further at the next meeting. Bill gave \$13,660 as the profit-to-date for the sale of the bricks.

Commemorative items - Janet Atkinson

Janet reported the total of \$1,118 was made at the Fair. It was a very profitable day; a good opportunity to display the items for sale. The polls were suggested as the next opportunity to sell items. All agreed that locations to sell, newspaper and local cable publicity would help. Janet has completed the inventory, and has the latest commemoratives, the new Grand View note paper and

the reordered Ian Factor note paper in stock. Nick will add it to the catalogue. The Pine Glen children's note paper may be reordered because of an article about the artists that Judy Wasserman is planning.

Janet has been contacted by the Burlington Garden Club about a plant sale in the spring which would be an opportunity to sell more items. They plan to have the sale at GRV.

Ribbon Cutting - Sonia Rollins and Kevin McKelvey

The ribbon cutting has been postponed until November.

Newspaper and TV Coverage - Judy Wasserman

Judy is coordinating with BCAT, Boston Globe, Boston Herald, and the Boston Business Journal on publicity. She will also write a story on the Commemoratives, Shawsheen, SEA, and the Town working together on GRV, and donations in Donald Sleeper's name.

Another opportunity for a story would be the latest find of a copper coin found at Grand View.

Web Site - Rob Zahora and Amy Warfield

Rob has pictures of the Grand View house tour the day of the Fair to be put on the Website. The updated list of members, and the new brick form will also appear on the web site.

Rob will be given the new images of the Grand View note paper by Lynn Ricci to include on the Web site.

Fall Fair Saturday Sept. 26, 2009 - Toni Faria

The Fair was a success! All participants worked hard to present their wares, and most did well because of the good weather. Grand View had an excellent display sold many items. Abner Marion (Roger Morrison), the birthday cake, and the house tour (Kathi Horton narrated) were a popular attraction.

Toni and the Historical Commission thank all who participated.

Old Business & New Business

New find: Hope Paulsen reported that Mr. Maddigan, a worker at GRV found a copper 1749 coin in the rubble on the site at Grand View. One side has an image of King George and the other an image of Britannia. Hope's research told of the English minting the coins to pay the soldiers who fought at Louisberg in Nova Scotia. It is now in the Archives.

Kathi Horton will speak about the Grand View at a Garden Club meeting on October 28th. She will have the Grand View model made by Dot Bennett to display.

Bill Hitchcock still has tee shirts for sale left over from the Fair.

The next Meeting will be on Wednesday October 28th.
Meeting closed at 8:45

Toni Faria