

Hancock Common Commission Meeting Minutes - Apr. 20, 2023

In attendance: Allison Kerwin, Dave Drasba, Tyler Howe, Laurie Bryan, Mary Seebart

Start time: 4:05PM

Minutes for Jan. 19, 2023 approved.

Fountain work is being done by Jimmy. The cast iron portions are stripped and being repainted. This should be done in 2 weeks. Foundation work will take about a month for the mortar work to cure, then it will need to be painted/coated. This will take 3 to 4 weeks to cure.

The individual doing the cast iron work could use permanent epoxy to hold the fountain parts together. This would eliminate the need to reglue them each year. Discussed ways to facilitate the inside pieces for water output, and pulling out electrical connections for the water pump in the winter. Committee in agreement with this.

The same individual working on the fountain will also rebuild the base, including repairing the rock foundation. Posts will now be put up around the fountain in winter to alert traffic. Common Commission budget should be in the red after paying for the fountain work, as some of that cost will be offset by insurance money.

The light for the flag pole is ready. Dave will put in stacks for placement. Costs are \$500 for conduit and \$1,500 for electric work. Tyler will call Dig Safe to ensure electrical trench is in an OK place. Bulb from the Church steeple needs to be removed. Project to be done by Memorial Day.

Trash can options for the Commons were considered. Agreed that this year a dark colored, 35 gallon, heavy duty plastic garbage can will be purchased and placed on the Common. Tyler has a post for a dog poop bucket, which will be hooked up to the garbage container. Cost for a metal trash container will be put in next years budget.

Gazebo/Bandstand repair and painting to be done by Richard Rylie. Dave will contact him. Hoping the Gazebo work will be done this spring.

There was a continuation of review of signage on the Commons. New guidelines were put together by Dave. Suggested changes included extending the time limit for signs to 5 days and including Hancock Farmer's Market under 'official town groups'.

6 Trees to be ordered in 2023 include 2 replacements trees for crab apples, 1 replacement for the tree removed from in front of Frances home on Main St., 2 new trees for the Common. Cost for annual pruning is \$1,500, some of which may be used for tree purchases.

Next Meeting: May 18th, 2023, 4:00PM, at the Hancock DPW.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:10PM

Mary Seebart