

Attendance: Al Marks, Dale Brumbaugh, Bill Theis, Mick Fitzharris, Tom Wheeler, Joann Colameco, Debbie Ricard, Warren Rosenkranz, Carol Di Giovanni, Kate Threefoot, Katrina Streiff, Jim Laurino, AJ Stalloni, Kevin Gargan, Gracie Ressler, Marvin Sayer, Kate Sayer, Barbara Shippy, Ellen Dolmetsch, Jeff Steen, Victoria Davis, Irene O'Connor, Steven Threefoot, Sally Sharp, Lynda Kolski, Sam Panella, David Michelsom, Jeff Politis, Dela Bryan, Liz Resko and Carol Larson.

Meeting convened at 7:18 PM

Jim Laurino was voted Chairman by the Playground Committee.

Jim started the meeting thanking everyone for coming and for their interest. He opened the floor and expressed that they are very interested in people's constructive suggestions as to where we are and where they can go to make it better.

Katrina: Update: The project is half finished and that means it is going to look quite different. The path needs to be finished. Need to grade and plant. Those are things that have to be done no matter what.

Open Discussion:

Kevin Gargan - Rocks

Q Kevin - What are we doing with rocks and are there drawings or some kind of plans?

A Katrina - Contractor is making some adjustment to reduce the amount of stone. To remove the pointed rocks on top is going to cost more and we do not have that in our budget.

Q Kevin - Why would that cost more money to remove pointed stones?

A Jim - Stones are quite deep.

Q Carol Pointed out that the Committee asked for suggestions as to how to make it better. Taking the rocks down and making it safe will make it better according to the underwriter. Did you read their suggestion?

A Jim - Yes he did and Jim wanted to know if they read his reply. No Carol did not see his reply.

Q Carol - Are you going to implement their suggestions?

Jim – Thought because he posted the other conversation that maybe he posted his reply.

Jim Read the following:

Of course, we were already clear about meeting the CPSC guidelines.

The slide slope is essentially baked-in when manufactured, it was designed to be CPSC compliant, and we have taken care to ensure it is installed according to the vendors recommendations.

Based on the town's earlier vehement rejection of railroad ties on the green, and other comments from residents, our sense of the town's taste was that man-made materials, fences for instance, were very much more objectionable than natural materials, such as rocks and plants. Therefore, we are trying use rocks and plants to guide people onto safe courses, instead of starting with fences (which can always be added later, if judged necessary). The project is only roughly half done now, and so the present configuration does not adequately represent the final appearance. You should consider that a wall with smooth, flat top essentially invites someone to get on top of it. The rocks prominently placed along the edge are chosen, instead, to discourage climbing. There will be several easier, alternative paths in the immediate vicinity: the slide itself, a series of gentle steps, grassy slopes on the far side, and the smooth, ADA-compliant path to the road. While there are some rocks that taper towards the top, and which may appear "jagged" from a distance, they do not have sharp edges or points, and we will ensure they do not present the sort of entanglement projections or entrapment hazards that the CPSC guidelines are concerned about. Once the additional topsoil and plants are added the rocks will be much less prominent.”

Q Kevin - Who chose to put the rocks on the top?

A Katrina - Is trying to focus on moving forward not on blame. The contractor was told to use natural materials. He chose those rocks and placed them there.

Q Kevin - He was told to do whatever he wanted to do.

A Katrina - No.

A Barbara - The contractor handpicked those rocks for the top.

Q Kevin - Contractor is going to charge more money to remove the rocks he placed on top.

A Jim – In order to take them out, he has to take everything else out.

A Steven- That discussion will come up in negotiation with the contractor. What the committee is trying to do is get input. If the community does not believe those rocks should be there, then let's point that out and give them that feedback so they can work on that.

Q Kevin - To him, it sounds as if someone is trying to avoid taking down the rocks by saying it is going to cost more money. Sue the contractor. If he built something that was not supposed to be there, he would be sued.

A Steven - That is fine. That whole discussion will happen. That is not going to help define what we need at this point.

Q Barbara- The Playground Committee hired a contractor for rocks without obtaining three estimates.

A Jim Playground Committee spoke to three different contractors and two did not want to submit bids. It is not like they did not try.

Q Warren - Believes the policy is three bids for an amount of \$10,000 or more.

A Steven - Again, if you want to take time to discuss all that, that is a different question- right now the Committee is asking what do people want? Not.... (interruption)

Q Grace lives in the apartment adjacent to the museum where there is a big Tudor window. She is pleading for this project to be scaled down. She encourages to keeping the integrity of the design that you thought of and take down the rocks. A child of ten knows they are dangerous; the pointed rock in particular. So that it is approachable and it does not look like the path is coming out to Cherry Lane. Modify this so that everyone who lives around that Green that has little kids or little kids visiting can feel safe. So you can feel its organic and it's a proper terrain for the Green. Take it down a notch, provide some drawings and get rid of the rocks so that you can at least see over it and it looks like the Arden Green not a structure unto itself. Separate artistically and environmentally on the Green. Which she thinks all treasure and want to preserve

A Jim wants to address one of the points about the path. The way the path curves, it is not finished. It will be a barrier there.

Q Grace - She is not looking forward to a barrier. She recommends a way to use the current slide and have a gentler approach to it. A gentle descend. We would have a more of a comfort level.

Q Carol - The concept, as Jeff calls it, is really the original plan that people voted on showed a gentle, grassy mound. That was voted on at the January 2015 meeting. Somehow it got to what it is now. Reading the special meeting for the Advisory meeting saying what Johanna wanted. Carol does not believe Johanna had this in mind.

A Katrina expressed that she is trying to move forward and not judge the past. This is a model of the project as originally submitted. The stones projected above, which was originally submitted, probably not more than eighteen inches. So they look like they are huge, but that part of them that is the lower part is going to be concealed by plantings. They are there to stabilize and support as well. It is not just decoration; it is an integral part of the mound. If it was easy to just take them off, we would have done it.

Q Carol - Thinking ahead – did you not concede that this plan was so different than the original concept. That people might have an objection and you did not figure that into the budget?

A Jim – If you recall some of the residents raised the issue of making it ADA compliant. That requires some changes in the design if you recall. We had to raise a considerable additional amount of money to make that happen. We made that happen and it will be ADA compliant.

Q Ellen - Personally, she would like to see it look remotely like what was planned and what people voted for. Or demolish it, put the slide back and put the retro- fit plan. Do something that is respectful to the community who voted for it One more thing. She thinks it is good that you (P.C) don't want us to blame, blame, blame. She feels as though you are totally trying to control people by telling us right at the beginning that people have to leave late so keep our stuff quick. And kind of don't express what we are thinking.

Q Lynda - What was approved is not even remotely close to what is out there. The first slide was taken down because of safety reasons. To her this is way more unsafe. In her view, what the insurance agent said was to remove the rocks. To her that has to be done. So there is an issue of insurance.

You mentioned that there were going to be plantings to camouflage or hide the rocks. She sees this as more unsafe because people can't see what is under there. If they fall into what they think is plantings, they are going to hit rock.

A Katrina - There is actually space between the top of the mound and the rocks; a fall zone. Some medium growing shrubs will be added. They are not going to be concealing that there is dirt underneath. We thought about that. Conceal the rocks behind them not the rocks under them because there is dirt under them.

Q Jim - Considering most playgrounds are made of steel not made of rocks. Do you think rock is harder than steel?

A Lynda - more dangerous.

Q Jim - Consumer Product Safety Commission Guidelines are primarily focused on severe accidents. The principal focus is actually head entrapment. The guidelines are on the web if you want to read them. Most of the death on playgrounds is strangulations.

A Ellen -Most people don't have rock structures like this which are jagged.

Q Carol - Death? Discussion was sidetracked to death of an Arden child on a playground equipment build by a resident years ago. This incident was used as an example and some felt this is not a comparison. (a lot of chatter – not clear).

A Jeff Politis - The Committee is here to field suggestions of what you want. Not to be attacked. Many of you are giving good suggestions and they are asking for input. We are volunteers here and would appreciate if we try to continue to give the Committee the input, as many are doing, but let's keep it as respectful as we can, please on all sides.

A Jim- Did not feel as though they were using death of child as an example. He was saying that your definition of safety does not conform with the definition of safety Consumer Product Safety Commission Guidelines are talking about.

Q Ellen – Is it true that they could have retro- fitted the slide?

A Jeff Politis -It is not true. It is a decision that people outside of the Committee said they could do. I was on the Committee at the time. We had looked into it and to retro- fit the slide was an insurance risk. It was not considered an option.

Q Jeff Steen - It is going to be very difficult for the community to move forward on this unless there are plans drawn up for the project and the contractor follows those plans. He had a copy of the plan that Jeff Politis, Village Chairman, submitted to State of Delaware to discuss with them the potential contribution of funds for the work.

A Jim - That plan that your have is an ADA access plan. It is not a complete plan.

Q Jim - What does the title on the plan read?

A Jeff Steen- It reads the Village of Arden Playground slide contours and ADA access plan.

Q Jim - That is right. It is the ADA access plan. It is not a complete plan. Do you understand that?

Q Jeff Steen - There is a major deficiency on the plan.

This is the only existing plan that I have seen and it was the only plan that was given by Mr. Politis with regard to what is meant to be on the Green. State monies were given based on this plan in part. In my view, the work should conform on this plan in part. The plan shows a base

footprint of approximately 24 x 36 feet. This is shown as a scale drawing. What is out there should conform to that. The second part is that there is no elevation on this plan. There should be elevation on this plan so that the community knows how high.

A Jim - This was prepared for the State Architecture Board. They thought it was adequate; it met its purpose. It may have not met your purpose but it met the State's purpose.

Q Jeff Steen - The community deserves a project with a plan. Are you going to present a plan to us tonight?

A Dela said she is listening to you and she thanks you for coming. Safety is also important to her because she has a ten-year-old.

Based on what she is hearing from the group, Dela proposes the following:

- 1) Remove rocks on the top of the mound.
- 2) The rocks on the right of the slide to be removed so sod can be placed and a more gradual slope added.
- 3) The rock bench which is on the top of mound to be moved to the ground. This will enable parents, and children to have better visibility and also provide a place to sit.
- 4) The top of the mound to be smooth.
- 5) There will be a grab bar. It will be wooden and in compliance with safety standards. Her suggestion is to the left of it two wooden pieces of wood with a string on either side. The bar will prevent the kids from taking their bicycles down the slide. And to the left of it will be a pole (or maybe three; what looks good Artistically) with a chain on either side. This is what you see at National Parks. In that way, kids can't go running and slide down. When more soil is added to the mound, those rocks will not protrude as much.

Q Grace - Will this be higher?

A Dela - No. By taking down all the rocks, it will be much lower.

Q Keven - In this proposal do you assume having someone actually overseeing this contractor and the plans drawn up.

A Katrina - He refused to do anything until we give him the specifications. It's a scope of work and does not have to be spelled out. Group disagrees and does believes it has to be spelled out in a plan.

Q Steven would like to point out that he finds the rocks very appealing and the kids go rock hopping in creek which is a lot more dangerous. I want to point out that the rocks are not terrible to be there. There are parts of it that need to be adjusted I think. I think you are starting

to talk about that. I think the Committee should think about that. The idea of removing all the rocks.

A Dela - on the top.

Q Steven wants to make sure there are some rocks. He thinks they are very striking and worth keeping some.

Q Dela - asked Steven was he referring to the rocks on the top or the rocks scramble?

A Steven – The combination. Actually the rocks on the top. I have not been up there because it is a construction area and don't think it is appropriate. I would not throw them all out. But there needs to be some adjustment.

Q Dela - Because some of them are structural, another option would be to cut them. If you cut them, then you do not have that visual crenellation look. If you cut them, then they serve as benches up there and that would soften the look a lot.

A Katrina - If they are flat benches, then kids are going to dance on them. There is no question kids will be everywhere because that is what kids do. Having a flat cut off surface is not necessarily safer than rocks which are actually carefully positioned to prevent children from going anywhere except through one of the crevasses which is the safe one so they are not trying to get through everywhere.

A Jim told of observing Mick climbing the rocks and observed that Mick used the rocks as handrails. When they were placed there, they were placed there with thought. By taking the rocks off, it is more dangerous because it is harder to get down safely. It's an attempt to use natural materials to replicate a function that most people think is necessary in situations like that. We could add hand railing like post, chains but we tried to use natural materials.

Q Lynda - The way Mick climbs a rock pile is very different from a three or four-year-old. They are not going to go carefully watching where they are stepping and by holding onto things. These are kids with lots of energy running up and down and it is an accident waiting to happen.

You presented a proposal at Town Meeting and it is on the website which shows a grassy mound. That is the proposal that the town approved. That's the proposal that people gave money to. You cannot go now and change that as drastically as you did without the towns' approval. This is how this town operates. You should have come back to Town Meeting with an alternative proposal and said this problem has arisen and as a result these are the changes we propose. And let the Town approve it.

Before you move forward and give any plans to anybody, you need to present an alternative plan to Town Meeting and get their approval. You are not an autonomous Committee that can take it upon yourself to do what you think is right for the Town. You serve at the mercy of the Town Meeting.

A Steven - At the last Town Meeting we did just that. To have this meeting and to have the Committee put together a plan. We actually voted on that at the last Town meeting.

Q Katrina - What you are suggesting is we wait for another three months?

A Lynda - Absolutely. You are making a permanent change to one of key areas of this Village. It deserves the Towns approval and consideration and careful thought.

A Jeff Politis - Wants to address a couple of things. At the Town Meeting at which it was approved, a concept was approved and it was given to the Playground Committee to continue to work through. It was not a final plan. It was never presented as such. I was there and I presented it. I am well aware of what was presented. And the motion that was approved was to have the Playground Committee build a mound slide and continue to work through the details. There have been three motions in the Town Assembly to change the slide over the last year. All three of those motions were defeated. Continuing to giving the Playground Committee the authority and ability to continue to do work through the design of the slide. Lastly, the Playground Committee is an open group. They have had multiple meetings on this. Their final meeting, before a final plan, was a public meeting (October 14th) where they presented their plan. Not a lot of people attended (Barbara Shippy, Sam Panella, Bill Theis were there). So a final plan was approved at that meeting.

Q Sam - Just wants to say at that meeting there was no mention. They did speak about rocks as an approach to the top of the mound. But they never showed what is currently there.

Q Victoria - She commends all and acknowledges it's been hard on everyone. It is different than what we all agreed on. She has an eight-year-old, a five-year-old and a one month old. She does not like the rocks. Suggestion - Is it possible to switch out the slide for a tube slide? So a child of low weight will not fall out of slide and hit the rocks. Another suggestion is to continue adding more soil so the rocks are completely covered.

A Katrina – We are talking about three different types of rocks. 1) larger and pointed ones that are at the top of mound, 2) a rock scramble which is like steps. 3) unfortunately a jumble of

rocks. R. Cropper keeps saying he has to revise it. He is not happy with it either. When we ask him to revise it, we ask him to remove as much as he can.

Q Jeff Steen - He likes and supports Lynda Kolski's remarks about process. In his view, the Committee needs to prepare a drawing proposal as the final mound, including rocks and slides plan to be voted on at the next Town Meeting. He disagrees in certain respects with Mr. Politis's comment about the process and how things have come along. It is clear the Village had a sense of what the mound should be. You just articulated it now. It is other than what we voted on. Jeff said he wants to return to what he said earlier. When you speak about how Mr. Cropper and he will remove a little of this and a little of that, that is not how one runs a project. There needs to be a plan. The contractor is hired to build according to that plan. Are you going to prepare plan which will be sent out to the town well in advance of the meeting?

A Jim - There is a contract and he is meeting the terms of the contract.

Q Jeff Steen - Where is the contract?

A Jeff Politis - It is in the office.

Q Carol - Has anyone seen it?

Q Jeff Steen - Are you going to prepare a plan that is going to show what the mound (including the slide) is going to look like?

A Jim - No. Who is going to pay for it?

Q Who devised the plan that is currently in effect?

Jeff Steen - The town is at risk of several things happening.

1) Risk at misappropriating State funds. If you continue on as you are, there will be an investigation of the funds that were given by the State. It is the same thing with our council person. You are elected officials. If this were happening at the county level, this would be called a scandal. You have responsibilities. One of which is to prepare a plan for the project which we all can see well in advance of whatever meeting you want to have.

Q Katrina - You raised some questions about the slope of the slide? This is the proper slope as installed. Because, if you look at the safety regulations, they actually calculate the slope from the top to the bottom. This is 33 degrees. Perhaps, you were measuring on this side.

A Warren- He measured it this afternoon and he calculated 36 degrees.

A Katrina pointed to a model of the mound and pointed to where Warren measured and informed him that is not how to measure the slope according to safety standards.

Q Warren Says he knows how to measure according to safety standards and he measured 36 degrees. If you measured according to the guidelines, the mound would be a foot and one-inch short of have the proper slope.

A Katrina - There is a very specific diagram that says specifically you have to calculate from the top to the bottom. This is the average slope and that is what it is supposed to be.

Q Warren - that is for the children from two years old to twelve years' old.

A Jim - I think it is six years old to twelve.

Q Warren - No. It is two to twelve years old.

A Jeff Politis - Five to twelve years' old

Warren – No. This is in the CPSC

Jeff Politis - I am sorry I was addressing what the playground was meant for. I think we maybe are talking about two different things.

Warren - Under five cannot play there.

Jeff Politis - The playground equipment is designed for different ages. There is a toddler playground on the other side of the Green. You can go back to Larry Walker who can tell you how those playgrounds were designed.

Q Warren – We never settled on the target group for this. When he measured it, it was thirty-six degrees. Average slope.

A Jeff Politis - Is trying to address that there is concern that the slope is not correct. You will need to confirm that the slide is the correct slope. I think that is what you are trying to say. The committee thanks you for that comment and will make sure it conforms to the slope.

Q Warren - His understanding is that the bottom part should be within four degrees. So are you saying it is more than four degrees now?

A Jim - No. Where are you measuring from?

Warren – The downward direction. Warren pointed from where he was measuring to/ from on the diagram. And Jim says that is not how to measure the average slope.

Warren says it is how to measure it.

This yes/no tug of war conversation continues until Steven intervenes.

A Steven - The actual measurement/calculation should be done and done versus the regulations. We can sit here and go back and forth.

A Jim – We are committed to make sure it meets the guidelines. Your understanding of what the guidelines are and our understanding differ. We are going to resolve this and it will be addressed.

Q Tom - Who is going to resolve it? He is simply asking if it will be someone who is professionally qualified will make that judgement. Structural engineer type?

A Katrina – It shouldn't take a structural engineer.

Q Tom- Apparently there was a lot of dissension of how it should be applied.

Q Sally- Where does the Village stands this minute as far as insurance? From her perspective there should be a barrier built around the whole entire thing and left until the Village decides what to do with it.

She is really concerned that Jeff thinks our comments should be relegated to a very narrow scope. Because she feels like everybody is here to say whatever they need to say. I do not want to be shut down nor do I want anyone else to be shut down.

A Katrina - We don't want to shut anyone down but we had a goal of what we want to achieve.
Jim – We are meeting every month. You are welcomed to come every month.

Q Ellen- That sounds so hostile. You have a group of people here who want to talk about it and being defensive is not helpful.

Q Sally - What is the answer to my question? Where are we insurance wise at this minute?

A Katrina - They did not say it was not coverable.

Q Sally - So right now if somebody cracks their head we are covered?

Q Sally - What about the \$14,000 we thought got added onto the \$18,000, which was the original money. Where is that coming from?

A Jim - State grant \$8,000, \$16,000. (a lot of chatter. Not clear)

Q Sally - Is \$29,000 a fictitious number?

A Jim - It is a quote we received. \$24,000 is about the number.

Q Sally - It is \$9,000 more than we were expecting?

A Jim - Because we had to make it ADA compliant, more money was needed.

Q Sally - So someone who is already disabled is going to go up there and become further disabled by hitting those rocks.

A Jim - I did not make this policy. But basically yes.

A Katrina - It is about as unlikely that a kid will fall off of that slide, as it is that he would fall off of one that is 18 feet tall.

Q If he falls off a regular sliding board he will fall on mulch not rock where he can split his head.

Q Debbie - Would like a plan that can be presented to the insurance company to make sure that the project that you are having under consideration will be insurable and not be a high risk. When this is finished It does have to meet insurance requirements. And if it is finished and it is standing there, it is going to be an attractive nuisance to a lot of people. In the interest of spending money in the best way possible, it would be good to work out a plan that shows some things are going to progress. That's approved by the insurance company. I do think this should be finished as soon as possible. It has already been drug out for as long as it needs to be. It was voted to be approved. Let's get a plan. Let's make sure it is insurable. Let's make sure the suggestions that have been heard are rolled into it. Let's be open and forthcoming with information. And just get it done.

A Katrina - Removing the big rocks from the top. That's a big thing and we do not have a budget for it. (a lot of chatter)

To go to town meeting that is in two months.

Q Debbie - Is it possible to call a special meeting?

Q AJ - What was built was not approved by the town. Can we take suggestions and form another plan? Is it too late? Is the mound just going to be there? Is there not enough money? Can we not do it? Why are we not listening? We can't? We are in trouble?

A Katrina - We have a contradiction. On the one hand, if we formed a plan that involved the contractor having to charge more, we would have to wait for Town Meeting.

Q AJ - He is not working now?

A Katrina - correct.

Q AJ - While he is waiting, why don't we take all these suggestions and see if we can make that work feasibly with the budget and whatnot. Then we figure out a plan. This is out of control. We are discussing slopes etc. I am going to take your suggestions and write them down here. We will have a meeting and come up with a plan. We will see what we can do with the mound. If we can make it smaller. See if we have to get rid of it. I do not know. I promise you we are going to find out. (applause).

Q Liz - Is there an estimate of the cost to remove rocks. Especially the point rocks?

A Katrina - We can easily remove the rocks that are not dug into the mound but removing those is another issue. I do not have an estimate on it but I will have it by the next meeting.

Q Lynda - Likes what AJ said and was pleased there is a logical mind on this committee. The plan needs to move forward whether it is a special town meeting or whatever and with it there needs to be a clear vision of what the mound is going to look like. What you were proposing to do what is currently there. Maybe there are two options. And it has to be very clear what the costs are associated with each of those ideas. So that the town can make an informed decision. If it means more money, then you have to come up with a proposal as to where that money is going to come from. It has to be complete. Whatever the proposal is, is it insurable because that is key. If you get that thing built and the insurance company says no. It is going to be a huge expense to demolish it. So you need complete information. Concept of what it is going to look like. Cost estimates for whatever you propose to do. Three estimates on all contracts of \$10,000 or more. It needs to be approved by the town. We are talking safety. So it does not matter how long as long as it is safe. As long as it goes through the proper channels.

Q Katrina - If we finished the mound the way it is now it would be covered with sod. It would be in a whole lot better condition to wait for three to six months. It would be much less of an eyesore. No additional expense because this is already contracted.

A Lynda - We are done with that. If he goes back to work, you will pay him more money.

A Katrina -The final payment,

Q Kevin - Can we find out if this contractor took it upon himself to put these rocks together the way he did. How can he turn around and say that he is going to charge extra to take them away?

A AJ - He will find out.

Q Jeff Steen - Seems to be a consensus that the committee will prepare a plan of what it proposes. From his perspective he would like to suggest that no element of the mound be higher than the elevation of the curve of Cherry Lane as it runs along the Green. It is a very strange circumstance to have some of these comments being spoken about how money has been spent with regard to administration of this project. It is now being used as a back door way of saying we don't have money to make it right. Without getting into the nitty gritty of how the money was spent and under what obligations and with what documentation, this is a very strange circumstance before us.

Q Jim - you want a three-foot high slide?

A Jeff Steen - The slide can be at a different angle.

A Jim - No

Jeff Steen - Don't say no. You asked for my comments to put a parameter around this matter. No element of it be higher than the elevation of the curb of Cherry Ln.

Q Jim - You do agree that the bottom of the slide is below Cherry Lane.

A Jeff Steen - Let me explain to you. I am not going to respond to that because there is so little information about what you are saying. There is no topographic survey. There is very little in the realm of reality about what is here, except footprint and the general sense of the design. Jeff declined to enter into any further conversation with Jim.

A Katrina - In order not to prolong that, I will send you a memo regarding the installation of the slide with all the details.

Q Jeff Steen - What is overriding is to try and get a grip on how large this project is going to be. In my view, it is going to be higher than the elevation of the curb along Cherry Ln along the Green.

A AJ - Noted.

Q Carol - Are you going to provide us, one of the committee members, a copy of the contract you have between your contractor.

A Jeff Politis - It is all public. You are more than welcome to take a look at it. It's a standard contract.

Q Where can I find it

A come to the officer hours.

Q Carol wants an email. Jeff Politis agreed.

Q Steven really likes what Debbie said. If the committee does that, how you execute, what that looks like, putting together the plan and coming at least to your committee meeting and very well publicized that meeting is going to be talking about the finalized plan.

A AJ - The first Thursday of next month at 7:30 we will definitely be in this room.

Q Steven - You can have it earlier. Publicized for seven days. Steven want to support that whole approach because that is exactly what we will address a lot of the issues.

A Lynda - Just want to reinforce the point the whatever public input you have is good and you should have it. At least two public input meeting before you present whatever you are going to present. But it does need to be presented to Town Meeting before.

Steve- I would disagree because we gave this committee at the last town meeting. We had this discussion at the last town meeting and we voted for this committee. If the committee feels it is appropriate to bring it back to town meeting, I give it to them. But at the last Town Meeting we gave them authority to put together the plan and to execute it.

Q Jeff Steen - Not the second part.

Q Carol - She got this from January 26 2016 meeting about the slide facing north. This is miscommunication between Jim and the contractor. It is not facing north as planned. Contractor move it. Another question wants to know if Jim is overseeing the contractors work? Contractor did work when there was a break in the weather. Jim did not anticipate him doing work due to the weather. What kind of control do you have over the contractor?

A Jim - We are making sure it meets consumer safety guidelines and ADA guidelines.

Move it due to drainage. He is going to absorb the extra material he used to do that. He took it on his own responsibility to protect the tree. This all goes back to a detailed plan that she has never seen.

Tom - I am begging to bring a plan back to the town. People are leaving out of frustration because they feel they are being stonewalled.

The meeting was suspended at 8:37 PM and will reconvene with seven days' notice. Post notices on bulletin boards, post on website and Jeff Politis can send it out on his distribution email.

Respectfully Submitted
Elizabeth Resko
Village Town Secretary