

Dot Burdick Park Planning

Meeting Minutes: Design Brainstorm

2/25/2021

Why are we planning?

What is the purpose of Dot Burdick Park:

Meditative

Contemplation

Natural

Small gatherings

Engaging

Town square

Shade

Connection to history – Dot Burdick's narrative

Connection to plants, wildlife and natural resources

What are we planning?

How do we want the community to ENGAGE in the space?

Sense of place
On foot and by foot
Communing with nature, experience diversity of wildlife, plants and habitats
Citizen science and intergenerational exchange
Birdwatching hub – Ralph T Waterman club
Source of inspiration for local artists
Art
Integration and connection to other open spaces

Institutions with similar ethos:

Highline
Cary Institute
Buttercup
Poet's Walk
Chesterwood (Great Barrington)
Art Omi (Ghent)

Olana (outdoor furniture, natural fences)

Is it an all season park? (This affects maintenance, pathway options, budget,etc.)

Yes but accessibility may be limited
Virtual access all season for those who can't brave the winter conditions
PUBLIC SPACE

Dot Burdick Park is essentially going to be a pathway with educational signage. We will design around the ecology.

How are we getting it done?

Next steps and point people:

- Working in conjunction with the CPRC's timeline (get the parcel on the maps)– Rosemarie
- Site evaluation -- Frank and Matt
- Connect with and price a Hudsonia study -- Mark
- Refine what we won't do and strategize on how to approach surrounding landowners – Kathy and Mark
- Budget – Judith and Charlie
- Project timeline and overview of process (??)****

Questions we need to ask/answer:

- Is ADA a requirement or an option?
- Do we know of any limitations on the pathway material?
- Is concrete a structure from the perspective of the Planning Board and the Bangall Trust?
- Does the trust also include some money for the initial development?
- Is there an historic cemetery on the property?













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