

**Junction Village Open Space
Task Force
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2021
Online Zoom Video Session**

Pursuant to a notice and agenda filed with the Town Clerk, the Junction Village Open Space Task Force met at 5:00 p.m. on Oct. 7, 2021, and held a virtual online public meeting via <https://zoom.us>.

Members present: Harry Bartlett, Christa Collins, Sue Felshin (clerk), Carlene Hempel (chair).

Also present: Marcia Rasmussen, Director of Planning and Land Management for the Town of Concord; Elizabeth Rust, Director, Regional Housing Services Office (RHSO); William (Bill) Murray of PLACES.

The meeting was called to order by Carlene Hempel at 5:03 p.m.

Minutes:

Ms. Felshin moved to accept the minutes of Sept. 15, 2021, and Sept. 23, 2021 as amended. Ms. Collins seconded. The roll call vote was Mr. Bartlett, yes; Ms. Collins, yes; Ms. Felshin, yes; and Ms. Hempel, yes.

Concept Plans:

Mr. Murray presented version b of the two schemes and noted some changes from version a of each scheme. He proposes to have an outfield pipe from the assisted living complex extend slightly further to the south with the south entrance to the open space crossing over it, possibly with an elevated walkway, so that the path won't be washed out by the outflow. He noted some plant life options for low maintenance and sustainability: microclover and/or drought-resistant grasses in the meadow portions, and for trees, pin oak and/or a hybrid red/silver maple that is less brittle than silver maple but more tolerant of dry soils than red maple. Art plinths could double as story walk stands for increased flexibility and lower cost. For scheme 2, Mr. Murray suggests juniper for the slopes of the recessed gathering space.

Ms. Collins said she would prefer fewer built elements by the river and wondered if the Natural Resources Commission would approve of the design and whether their comment could be sought before the public forum on Oct. 14. Ms. Rasmussen noted that the NRC would not meet again before the forum.

Public forum planning:

Mr. Murray showed the Task Force the slide presentation he had prepared. The Task Force made minor comments on presentation of content such as how to color materials for greatest comprehensibility and including some photographs of the site. The Task Force discussed

logistics of presenting content and how to publicize the forum including notifying various Town committees, asking for an announcement via the Town's News and Notices feed, putting up sandwich boards, and notifying town-related online mailing lists and social media groups. Mr. Murray said that he would provide an updated slide deck by the Wednesday before the forum.

Ms. Rust suggested scheduling the next forum in January; Ms. Rasmussen suggested presenting a single plan at the second forum based on feedback.

Public comment:

There was no public comment at the meeting. The chair passed on a comment received from Dorrie Kehoe of 51 MacArthur Rd. asking for a marker to indicate where things happened on the property, and for an opportunity for a directed site walk open to the public.

Adjournment:

Ms. Felshin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Hartman. The meeting adjourned at 6:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Felshin

List of Exhibits

- Concept plan 1B
- Concept plan 2B
- Slide presentations with examples of possible furnishings (benches, kiosks, signage, etc.)