

**Junction Village Open Space
Task Force**
Meeting Minutes
October 21, 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 6:00 p.m. on Oct. 21, 2021, and held a virtual online public meeting via <https://zoom.us>.

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

Also present: Peter Lowitt, liaison from the Concord Housing Development Corporation (CHDC); Marcia Rasmussen, Director of Planning and Land Management for the Town of Concord; Elizabeth Rust, Director, Regional Housing Services Office (RHSO); Linda Escobedo, Select Board liaison; and Concord citizen Jonathan Aibel.

The meeting was called to order by Carlene Hempel at 6:03 p.m.

Forum debrief, next steps, and CPC application:

Carlene briefly summarized the October 14th Public Forum. The Forum was attended by 52 citizens. In this session we review that meeting's concerns and then discuss how to move forward.

Carlene and Christa met with Delia Kaye, Division of Natural Resources, to review Delia's concerns and observations given that most of the riverside area (park side) is conservation land subject to NRC restrictions. (Because the meadow does not have the conservation restrictions the park does it was mentioned only in passing during this meeting.) These restrictions cover the entire park side but become more restrictive closer to the river. The result of this discussion: the next pass should begin with the meadow from Scheme 2A and the park from Scheme 2B. The paths will be stone dust or some other permeable material. The plantings will be native trees and low ground cover. There will be quiet areas and places for small groups to meet. Many details remain to be worked out.

Sue expressed her concern that there was no budget for maintenance. Delia had said the town will not maintain this open space. Carlene emphasized that this open space is being designed to be low cost, low maintenance. Sue pointed out that no matter how little the maintenance required, someone still must do it and must be paid for it.

Carlene will work with Bill to get the next iteration of this plan started. Liz said Bill is aware that he will be responsible for the planting list. Liz will give Bill Delia's list of native plants suitable for this site.

Dates for our next meetings were discussed. Marcia emphasized that the CPC meeting 11/9 is important to this committee. The committee decided our next meetings will be 11/4 and 11/18. This gives time to prepare for the CPC meeting and then to discuss the results of that meeting.

Adjournment:

The meeting ending at 6:49.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Hartman