



Setti D. Warren
Mayor

Newton Parks & Recreation Commission
Meeting Minutes
City Hall - Room 209
7:00 p.m. –Monday, June 17, 2013



Robert J. DeRubeis
Commissioner

Attending: Arthur Magni, Chairman, Commissioner Robert DeRubeis, Walter Bernheimer, Bethel Bilezikian Charkoudian, Peter Johnson, Andrew Stern, Don Fishman, Peter Kastner, Michael Clarke, Robin McLaughlin, Secretary

Also Attending: Mr. Bob Rooney - Chief Operating Officer, Ouida Young-Associate City Solicitor

7:00 pm – Youth Awards in the Aldermanic Chambers

Meeting began at 7:56 pm

1. Meeting Minutes –May 20, 2013

- There was discussion on Item #3- Fire Station at Nahanton Park. Mr. Bernheimer, Mr. Stern stated concern the minutes did not reflect the sense of what was commented on during the meeting discussion of this item.

Mr. Bernheimer made the motion to approve the minutes on condition of Item #3 – Fire Station at Nahanton Park be transcribed from the recording of the May 20, 2013 meeting. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-1.

2. Commissioner's Reports on Programs, Forestry and Maintenance

- Gath Pool/Crystal Lake open for the season
- Camps are full for the summer. Some of the locations of the camps have changed to accommodate renovations being done to the school buildings.
- Farmers Market - Indoor Market ends tomorrow- there has been an average of 300 people attending each week. Summer Farmers Market begins July 2.
- Waban Hill is still in early discussion
- Commissioner DeRubeis attended the Hyde Bandstand Dedication
- Farlow Park Pond and the Newton Highlands project have been proposed the Community Preservation Committee.
- Playground Projects- Underwood, Emerson, Highlands, Burr
- Kennard Park- Friends group is forming. Carol Schein working with the group to have a Resource Maintenance Plan done.
- Coming Up - 4th of July celebration

3. Fire Station – Nahanton Park- Public Hearing

- Mr. Clarke made a comment on procedure. He commented it is bad policy to just accept proposals verbatim from any entity. The P & R Commission is sovereign on park lands and does not think this message went out to the city government and believes it needs to be made clear the Commission needs time to deal with proposals. A letter should be sent from the P & R Chairman to the city government making it clear the P & R Commission is sovereign over park land and requires time to review proposals. Chairman Magni commented the point is well taken and message should be conveyed by the Parks & Recreation Department when proposals are submitted.

- Ms. Young has submitted a draft motion (attached) and commented she understands the need for the proposal to be reviewed and there was reluctance to come to the Commission and request the fire station be placed in Nahanton Park on park land. There was an effort to make other arrangements and that is why the time frame of this proposal is not as the Commission requires.
- Ms. Young understands that what is proposed tonight will be edited in regard to restoration of park land and the proposed conservation restriction. It is important to get a strong sense from the Commission of their thoughts on the details of these issues. Tonight we can work on a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mayor's Office, understanding the MOU would have to be approved by the Board of Alderman.
- Mr. Bernheimer asked where the money is coming from to put the fire station in the park. Mr. Rooney replied it comes from bonding. Mr. Bernheimer asked if the money comes from the same place if the fire station goes to Charles River Country Club. Mr. Rooney answered yes. Mr. Bernheimer asked what the estimated cost is for the station to go to Charles River. Mr. Rooney responded there are a lot of costs that would go into the site, i.e. utilities being run to the site, some in house work would be done, removal of trees. This is the first time the city has bumped up against a watershed change, this is an exciting scenario. This opportunity was almost overlooked due to the complexity of everything involved; the meaning the park has to the community, the public buildings department will be vacating the area forever, there is a safety need for the residents, the complexity of applying for a conservation restriction. The time is right to approach the state. Fire Station 10 is in the worst condition and the override was passed to repair it. Time is of the essence. Ms. Young did a great job charting the course.
- Mr. Clarke addressing item 2 in the draft motion, stated the existing building the Alms House is historic. It has been used by the Public Buildings Department on loan with the assumption it would be returned in the reasonably good shape. Mr. Rooney stated there is no documentation and there has been no discussion of this intention to put money into the building. Ms. Young stated a lot has gone on in the building, with several departments responsible, the issue needs time to play out. Mr. Clarke stated the Commission voted to place the building on the National Historical Registry, and should have money to at least have a historical consultant evaluate the building. Ms. Young commented we must start the discussion with item 3 – funding.
- Mr. Stern inquired if there has been a current audit or inspection of the building, is it in imminent danger of falling down. Ms. Young responded Mr. Morse. From the Public Buildings Dept. addressed that at the last meeting... Mr. Clarke interjected that the CIP list has \$250k as the cost to restore the building. Mr. Stern asked Ms. Young what Mr. Morse reported about the buildings condition. Ms. Young stated the building is not in imminent danger of falling down but it is not in the best condition... Mr. Clarke stated the roof is in poor condition. Mr. Stern stated if the decision is made to preserve the building and if the stakeholders got together and followed the process of what to do with the building, this could take a year what will the condition of the building be in a year. Mr. Kastner asked if the building is heated. Mr. Rooney replied it is minimally heated. Mr. Kastner asked if the city will continue to heat the building, if a building is shut down it usually deteriorated quicker. Mr. Rooney stated there has been no discussion about what to do with the building beyond this proposal but yes the building will go on as is. Mr. Kastner commented for the last seven years the building has been used for storage by the Public Buildings Department, the building must be cleaned out. Ms. Young commented Mr. Morse previously stated the options for the building is it can either be cleaned out or demolished. Mr. Clarke commented he has been in the building and it is a fire hazard.
- Mr. Bernheimer understands what is being said but is trying to deal with the concept of funding and the process. What he does not want to happen is the stake holders get together and make a decision and go to the city with an idea and requests funds and the city says sorry there are no funds available. Wants to see there will be more of a legal commitment that money will be available. Period. Understands the city cannot say they will fund anything the group comes up with but when the fire department leaves and the Commissioner states what they need and he is told sorry we cannot do that. It is easy to blame it on the Board of

Alderman but that just does not fly. They have the ultimate approval but somehow the Mayor proposes the budget and he gets virtually all of it. This proposal is still too loose.

- Mr. Rooney commented there are three segments of this project have to be in some semblance of order to move on:
 - Prepare site – in that phase now
 - Project itself
 - Remediation and turnover
- What we cannot do is put remediation and turnover in the front. If the Parks & Recreation Commission cannot support the project we will move on. We thought there was a partnership here, the \$250k will not happen at the end, because we cannot put that type of money into the building, you could try the CPA, cannot imagine this building would move up. Mr. Bernheimer stated he is not just talking about the building, for example there is reference to asphalt improvements as needed, and he does not know what that means. In 2015 the Commission may not want asphalt in the location because it is a park and you tell us sorry that is our problem. Mr. Rooney stated we can work that out in the MOU. Mr. Bernheimer stated but you want our approval for the project before the MOU is written, the Commission will have no leverage left.
- Chairman Magni stated to Ms. Young that is proposed to have the MOU completed before the commission votes to approve. Ms. Young replied she is proposing the MOU be negotiated and commits the administration to request the funding for restoration. But there is a big difference in removing asphalt at ~\$15k and restoring a building for \$250k. There is no question of the funding to do the basic of restoration. But that is not what the P & R Commission wants and that is what needs to be quantified. The problem is when you talk about a line item being committed in the budget for restoration. The item must be bonded and the bonding will not occur until after we need to take occupancy of the fire station. Mr. Bernheimer stated he rest his case. Normally MOU's are not done between city departments/commissions/agencies. It is a very serious commitment. If there is no figure here that can be negotiated for the administration will come up with a plan b, and that is too bad because plan b will rob the park of any benefits, it may not be all the benefits you want but it will be some benefits.
- Mr. Stern stated there is a dollar amount. What is the difference between using Nahanton Park and going to Charles River Country Club? Mr. Rooney commented he does not feel like we are one city here he feels like he is negotiating with the other side. This is a win-win. We want to make it a nice park.
- Mr. Bernheimer commented that looking at the P & R Budget for the last 5 years there is \$750k less in the budget, adjusting for inflation that is about a 20% less money to run all the parks. That is the environment this department has been running in year after year. The money goes elsewhere. This is a well-run city and I love it that is not the issue, but Parks & Recreation is at the bottom of the list and it will happen again. Money must be set aside now to do something for the park.
- Mr. Stern commented the commission is trying to play their role as stewards of the parks with the interest of the city. Mr. Bernheimer has laid out the years of frustration despite having legislative authority to have a police force we cannot even enforce swimming at our own lake we have no money for the police force. Due to the welling up of frustration of 20 years or more, and yes it is a naked power play, you can view it as negotiating with the other side, we are negotiating for the better of the city, standing up for the parks.
- Mr. Rooney commented it is not about the money it is about at the end of the day is these benefits what the Commission is looking for. Mr. Bernheimer stated the process is not unreasonable the proposal lacks teeth there is a 50/50 chance that nothing will happen after you go through this. Ms. Young stated she does not know if there is a 50/50 chance it depends on the level of funding we are talking about. There is a big difference in restoration of the Winchester St. entrance and restoration of the building. Mr. Bernheimer stated a dedicated line item for \$100k should be included to do with whatever we wish. Mr. Stern stated they consider it mitigation for a use of the park for a non-park use.

- Mr. Kastner stated money should be given to provide staff support. Need legal interpretation of MOU.
- Ms. Young stated they are trying to come up with an internal agreement to get what the Commission wants but it is difficult because the Board of Alderman cannot give the money today. Chairman Magni asked if the agreement could be approved with conditions including a line item for the funds. Mr. Stern commented once the project has started we would be forced to accept the project. Mr. Bernheimer understands Ms. Young's position regarding time frames, bonding, etc. but the Commission is in a position to propose a solution to bridge the gap, someone from the city has to tell us how to bridge the gap, we want a bridge. Ms. Young commented that is why she is suggesting the MOU, recognizing that an MOU is as enforceable as the parties involved intend it to be. Can the P & R Commission execute this agreement and feel comfortable knowing there will be money at the end of this project to at least do the minimal restoration. The Commission needs to respond to the administration what your vision is and then include the more complicated goal of the buildings destiny.
- Mr. Bernheimer commented the frustrating thing is the City is willing to spend \$300k on x and maybe \$600k to do y and if we go with the \$300k option the Commission cannot have any of the \$300k left from the \$600k option for the park. Mr. Rooney commented he would like to think he saves the city money every day but his pay does not increase and he could say he is not going to do it anymore but at the end of the day the commission could champion a conservation restriction and this opportunity will not happen again for a long, long time. He knows there is frustration but the administration is starting to put resources back, we just added a tree crew.
- Mr. Clarke asked if before Public Buildings Dept. returns the building to us, in lieu of rent could they fix the roof and the hole in the floor. Mr. Rooney responded could they do it, yes would they do it, no. I am getting confused, I am hearing you want money put into the building and you do not want the building. Mr. Clarke stated there was a unanimous vote to historically preserve the building by the Commission and historical commission. Ms. Young stated the building in Newton Centre is more likely to be used for re use and the administration will not put a roof on that building so she does not believe they will put a roof on the building in Nahanton Park. Mr. Clarke commented the building in Nahanton Park has a smaller roof and would be less expensive. Mr. Rooney commented we are mixing the two items, the proposal was to use this space for the fire station and you are speaking of the future of this building. How does the building impact the fire station being in this space? Mr. Clarke stated he thinks the city could handle putting on a new roof.
- Ms. Sender of the Newton Conservators and Friends of Nahanton Park asked if the restoration of the grounds, not the building, be included in the bonding. Mr. Rooney replied yes. Ms. Young commented the Board of Alderman goes through the bonding budget item by item. But the bond authorization does not happen for months down the road.
- Mr. Kastner stated the conservation restriction is a good idea and worth a lot of money, the commission gets continuing pressures for non-park uses of the park.
- Ms. Sender agrees the conservation restriction is a great idea and will prevent the park from being misused as it has been in the past but it is not up to the conservators. The conservators vote to approve.
- Mr. Hillis, abutter, Winchester St, member Friends of Nahanton Park and Newton Conservators commented the friends are not in favor of the fire station being located in Nahanton Park but understands the need for public safety and cost to go elsewhere. The conservation restriction will create a safe and better park. Mr. Hillis also appreciated the work done by Ms. Young on the conservation restriction. Mr. Hillis commented the History of the Alms house was never a public discussion and should be opened to public comment. Mr. Hillis does not agree with Mr. Clarke, the building must go.
- Suzette Barbier, Friends of Nahanton Park commented Parks & Recreation and the city purchased the land with the self-help grant and a lot of hard work went into acquiring the land. Every other year a use comes up for the park that is inappropriate. The conservation restriction is a good thing.

- Another Friend of Nahanton Park referred to the snow dump that appeared at Nahanton Park with a promise not to have a snow dump in the park again, the next year there was another pile of snow in the park. There has been a history of broken promises and agrees with what the Commission has said tonight.
- Chairman Magni asked the members for a motion. Mr. Clarke stated the commission should go through each line item and then add a dollar figure. Ms. Young commented a decision cannot wait until September. Chairman Magni suggested a special meeting this summer. Ms. Young suggested an informal group of volunteers discuss the proposal and make a recommendation to the Commission.
- The group came to a consensus a volunteer group of Commission members will meet and discuss the proposal and make a recommendation to the Commission. A special meeting will be scheduled in July.

4. NSHS- Kiosk Proposal – Public Hearing – Michael Kozuch & Andrew Thompson, NSHS

- Kevin Zhu and a group of NSHS Students along with Michael Kozuch, NSHS teacher, presented a proposal that is a senior project to educate people about the importance of wetlands by putting an informational kiosk next to the wetland at South in order to encourage students and adults to think of this area as an important resource. The group appeared before the Commission during the May 20, 1013 meeting for the informational part of the process. Tonight’s meeting is to hear comments and concerns from abutters of the area. (proposal attached)
- Ms. Charkoudian asked how the information would be displayed on the kiosk and who would be going to the kiosk to view the information. Mr. Kozuch responded laminated documents would be posted under a piece of Plexiglas; the kiosk is being installed closer to the parking lot so those walking by would have the opportunity to view the information.
- Mr. Kastner commented slide number three showing the pile of trash is a disgrace. This slide shows how the wetlands are treated. Mr. Kozuch stated the project is to make people aware of these issues. Mr. Kastner commented the project should be postponed until the trash can be cleaned up.
- Mr. Harry Sanders, resident commented possibly the project could be expanded to other areas of the school.
- Mr. Kastner asked why the science department is not leading the project. Mr. Kozuch stated this is a global community project which started in the History Department.

Mr. Kastner made the motion to postpone the project until September after the area is cleaned up of the trash. M. Neville seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-6.

- Mr. Kozuch commented postponing the project will be a challenge most of the students are seniors and will not be available in the fall.
- Mr. Bernheimer understands the intent of the motion made by Mr. Kastner, but is opposed to the motion. The motion could cripple the program. Mr. Bernheimer suggested that maybe off-line chastise the School Department but allow the project to move forward.
- Mr. Johnson stated he also opposes the motion. There is no connection between the two; the students did not put the trash there.
- Ms. Charkoudian stated these two items come together; they are environmentally and politically active.

Mr. Bernheimer made the motion to accept the proposal as presented. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-2.

5. Poetry at Edmands Park – Grey Held

- Mr. Held appeared for a Public Hearing in April 2013 for the proposal to install Poetry in Edmands Park. The following motion was made at the meeting;
Mr. Bernheimer made the motion to approve the concept of the proposal and requests a

specific plan for 10-12 units with specific locations. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-1.

- Mr. Held has submitted a revised proposal (attached) to the Commission. A new process is being used to apply the lettering to the stones. The process is called Letroset; it is a press off technique and is less intrusive on the stone. Twelve locations have been identified.
- Mr. Johnson inquired if the lettering will be the same size on all of the stones. Mr. Held replied yes.

Mr. Johnson made the motion to approve the proposal as presented. Mr. Clarke seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

6. Newton North Little League – Electronic Scoreboard- Informational meeting – Mark Ryals

- Mr. Ryals presented a proposal for NNLL to install and electronic scoreboard Halloran Field (attached). The new scoreboard would be mounted onto the current scoreboard. Chairman Magni asked how the new board would be mounted. Mr. Ryals stated the board would be mounted on steel pilings with cement footers 6” in the ground directly below the Words “Newton North Little League” on the current board.
- Mr. Stern asked if there would be advertising on the board. Mr. Ryals replied no.
- Mr. Johnson asked which option is being selected. My. Ryals stated wither board will work, financing is secured, the color of the board will be green.
- Mr. Stern asked if there has been any vandalism on the existing board. Mr. Ryals replied no.

Mr. Clarke made the motion to move the proposal to a public hearing under the condition the sign will be the green color. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed 8-0.

7. Off-Leash Area Working Group (OLAWG)– Informational – No Vote

- Commissioner DeRubeis commented that Jason Roberts, the Off-Leash Recreation Specialist is doing a great job. The commissioner is working with the Law Department to revise the ordinance to allow citation rights for the Off-leash Specialist.
- A partial fence is being installed along the Dunklee Street entrance of the Old Cold Spring Park off-leash area. This fence is to prevent dogs from running out of the off-leash area up the hill.
- The four areas being presented are:
 - Forte Park
 - Edmands Park
 - Thompsonville Playground
 - NSHS – Brandeis Rd
- Over the summer OLAWG is planning to meet with the user groups of the areas. The School Department and Conservation Commission will be contacted for meetings in the fall.
- Mr. Bernheimer asked if the dog license numbers have gone up since the off-leash program has started. Commissioner DeRubeis replied yes.

8. New Business

- Swim at Your Own Risk – To be discussed at a later date

Meeting Adjourned 10:28 pm
Respectfully Submitted,
Robin McLaughlin, Secretary

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PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

JUNE 17, 2013

At the request of the Newton Fire Chief and the Public Buildings Commissioner, the Commission approves the following Motion:

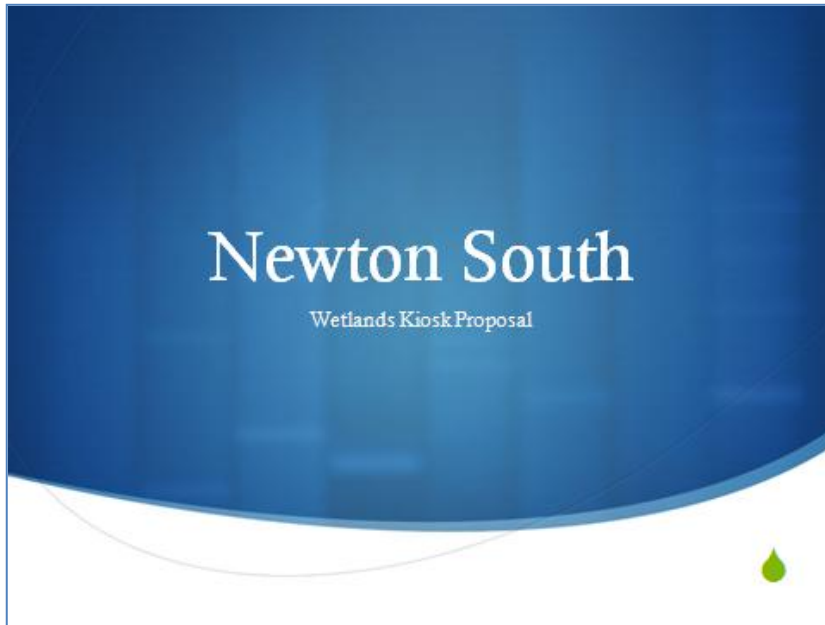
During the time a new Fire Station #10 on Dedham Street is under construction, Fire Station #10 may be temporarily relocated to the area immediately next to the Winchester Street entrance of Nahanton Park, such temporary station to consist of a modular building to house firefighters and a modular tent structure to house a fire truck and equipment, subject to the following conditions which must occur prior to the commencement of operation of Fire Station #10 to Nahanton Park, now anticipated to occur in January or February of 2014:

1. All non-Parks and Recreation use of the building formerly used as part of the Infirmary cease.
2. The Commission authorizes the Parks & Recreation Commissioner to bring together a working group of the stakeholders of Nahanton Park, including the Friends and the Newton Conservators, to develop a plan regarding disposition of the building formerly used as part of the Infirmary, as well as restoration of the site disturbed by the temporary fire station use and improvement of the Winchester Street entrance to the park, such plan to be presented to the Parks & Recreation Commission for its consideration in the spring of 2015 at the time the temporary fire station use is expected to terminate.
3. The Mayor's office negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Agreement with the Commission committing the administration to request funding from the Board of Aldermen in an amount sufficient to cover the projected costs of restoration of the area of the park disturbed by the temporary relocation of Fire Station #10 as well as the projected costs for landscape/signage and/or circulation improvements to the park entrance; and demolition of the building formerly used as part of the Infirmary or alternatively, the reasonable costs to clean out the building and secure the building envelope. Such amount would be an upset limit, with the expenditure based upon the actual costs.
4. The Commission authorizes the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to seek Art. 97 approval as well as relief from the Urban Self-Help grants to allow the temporary use of the park for Fire Station #10.

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5. The Parks and Recreation Commissioner commence negotiations with the Newton Conservators to develop a statutory conservation restriction that would encompass the entire park and permit the current Parks and Recreation sponsored activities or activities similar to the current activities to continue. The final terms of the Conservation Restriction shall be subject to review and approval by the Commission.

This Motion to Approve is based on the Proposed Site Plan presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission at its May 20, 2013 meeting, a copy of which is attached to this Motion. The design team shall return to the Parks and Recreation Commission for further review and approval if there are material modifications made to the Proposed Site Plan.



A circular inset showing a GIS map. The map displays a residential area with property boundaries, a road, and a large green hatched area representing a wetland. Labels on the map include "UN GIS DATA", "Property boundary", "So. Abundant", and "Perry Field". A legend at the bottom of the map shows a green hatched box next to the text "Wetland".

Wetland is not identified or seen as a resource.



Proposal:

Kiosk with information about

- The importance of wetlands.
- Local species
- Invasive species.
- What humans can do to protect wetlands.
- In English and Spanish.



NSHS Kiosk Proposal



Proposal
(revised 6-17-13)
Poetry in Edmands Park, Newton, MA

Grey Held, Program Director (gheld@alum.mit.edu)

Committee Members: Wendy Drexler, Wendy Mnookin
(See Appendix B for bios of committee members)

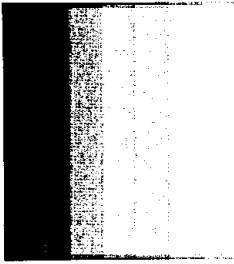
Summary: The objective of this proposal is to transport nature poetry from the library and the printed page into the living landscape of Newton's Edmands Park. Strolling park-goers who serendipitously come upon nature poems inscribed on stone pillars in the park will directly encounter the way poetry enhances the beauty of the natural landscape and enriches the park experience. The poems will be placed directly onto the stones using a dry-transfer method, as described below.

Vision: Edmands Park's beautiful oak forest, interspersed with beeches, locusts, maples, birches, and pines, is enjoyed by Newton's hikers, cross-country skiers, and nature lovers. If the Poetry in the Park proposal is implemented, Edmands Park would become a model for other communities seeking to bring poetry to a wider audience. It is our belief that park founder John Wiley Edmands would smile on this proposal: in addition to gifting the 33-acre park to the city of Newton, Edmands gave \$15,000 toward the establishment of the first public library in Newton and \$5,000 toward the purchase of books. He also paid for the library's architectural plans and laid the cornerstone. Given these gifts to the city, we believe that Mr. Edmands would support this project to intertwine verse and nature at Edmands Park as outlined in our Poetry in the Park proposal.

Precedent: As part of the Newton 2000 celebration, plaques with poetry by Robert Pinsky, Newton resident and Poet Laureate of the United States, were placed in the grounds around Newton City Hall. There has been no vandalism of these plaques and no further maintenance required. There are also several "Poetry Walks" in the United States, notably in Berkeley, CA.

Fabrication and installation: We have identified 12 locations where the poems will be placed (see below). Each poem will be transferred onto a specific rock on one of the stone pillars in the park. Each rock was chosen for, smoothness of surface, color, and appropriate shape and position. (See Appendix A, below for the shapes and sizes of the specific rocks.) Once the poems have been selected and approved, each will be formatted to fit a particular rock (as each rock is different and distinctive). Once formatted, the poems will be sent off to be printed on acetate using a dry-transfer lettering technique.

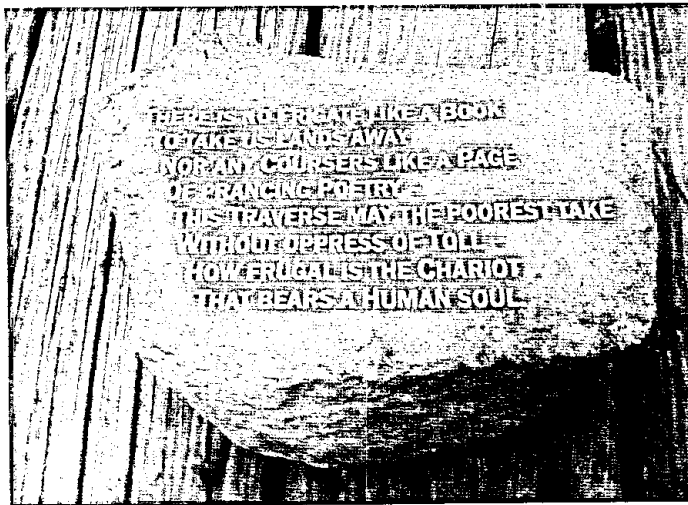
The color of the lettering for each poem will be adjusted to complement the particular color of the stone on which the poem is placed. -This will be achieved by adjusting the color of the lettering to three to four gray-level shades lighter than the underlying color of the rock, on an 8-level scale (see below). The poems will be easily readable, but unobtrusive. We will use the Pantone color system in specifying the color of the lettering (which may vary with each of the 12 chosen stones). The tonality of the letter will reflect the tonality of the stone, so that poems on reddish stones will be lettered in a reddish tonality. This will give the sense that the letters have been lightly "bleached" into the stone. Note that the contrast between lettering and stone will not be as significant as shown in the photo.



The rocks will need to be prepared to receive the poems. Stones will be cleaned of dirt and any loose granules with a wire brush and then a clear epoxy compound will be applied to the stone. The compound will not change the color of the stone; however, it will smooth the surface to receive the transferred poem. Grey and Wendy will be responsible for preparing the stone surfaces and/or training others to do so.

Grey and Wendy will then transfer the letters to the stone by rubbing them with a burnishing tool. After the letters are rubbed onto the stones, we will apply a 1/16-inch layer of clear epoxy on top of the letters. This covering will protect the letters and, in the case of spray-paint vandalism, will allow us to remove the paint without disturbing the underlying letters.

The shapes of each of the 12 selected stones are shown in Appendix B.

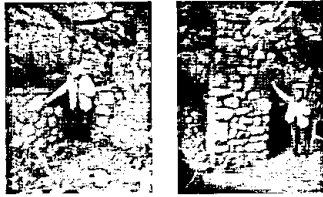


Maintenance:

The poems should require no maintenance, unless vandalized. In this case, Grey and Wendy will use appropriate solutions to remove the graffiti. If this is not possible, then the stone can be sand-blasted and the poem reapplied.

Poetry in Edmands Park

Placement of the poems: The old stone pillars in the park, which look like they once formed part of a fencing system, will provide the pre-existing support for the poems. See -map and photos below for the exact locations.



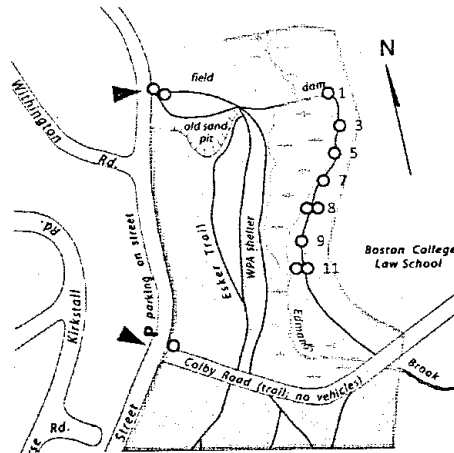
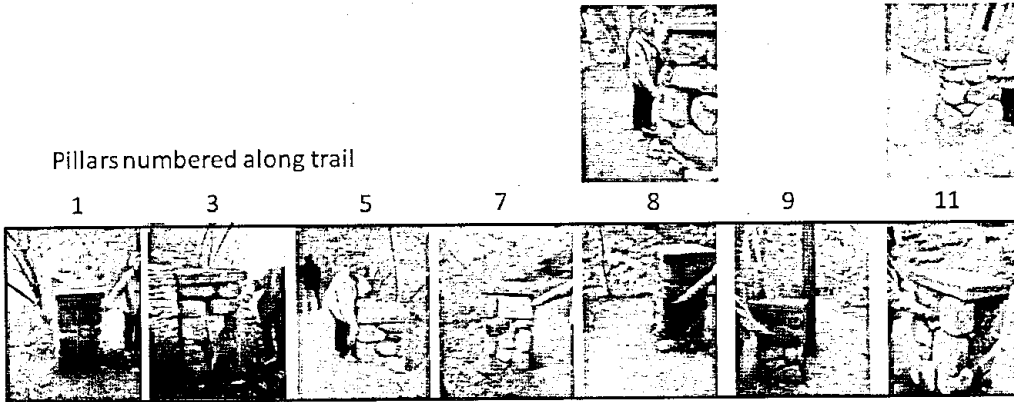
Blake St. Entrance (near Cabot St.)

12 locations



Blake St. Entrance (Colby Rd.)

Pillars numbered along trail



Poetry selection process: We will select poems by conducting a poetry contest open to all Massachusetts residents. The first step will be to place a "call for entrants" in *Poets & Writers* magazine (national circulation), Grub Street News (circulation in the Massachusetts area), Winning Writers email newsletter (national circulation), email listings to the Concord Poetry Center and other local poetry groups, and word of mouth at various Boston-area poetry venues. There will be a nominal entry fee of \$15 for up to 3 poems. Judging will be anonymous. Wendy Drexler (Belmont resident), and Grey Held (Newton resident) will do the initial screening of poems. Wendy Mnookin (Newton resident) will select poems from the finalists. The Director of Newton Parks and Recreation will give final approval. Please see below for the credentials of the three committee members. The selected poems will be of the highest caliber. Nature and/or dogs will be the theme of the selected poems.

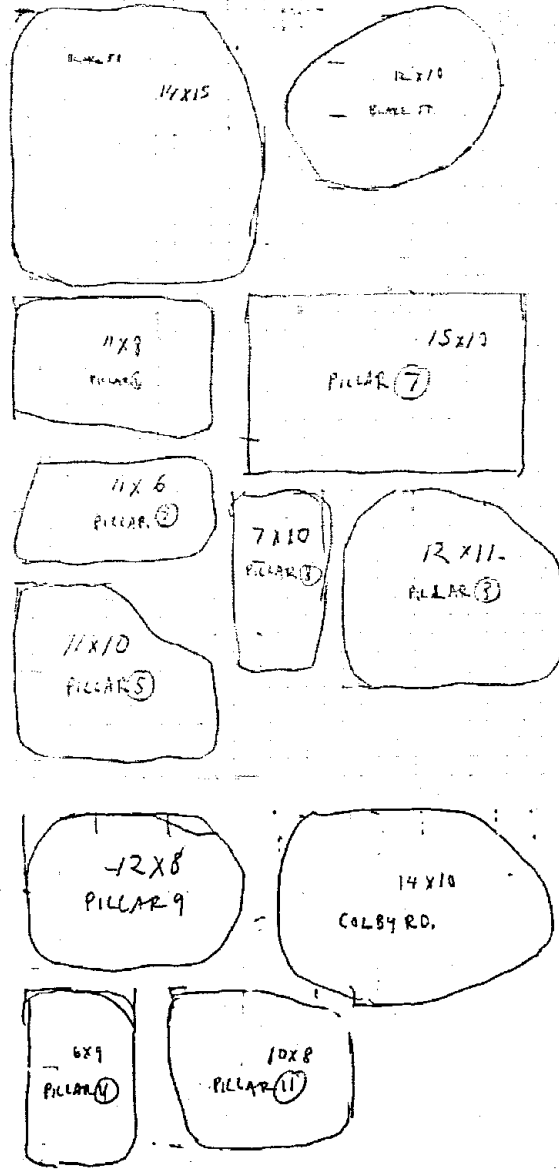
Budget

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	Quantity	Cost/Per	Total	
Expenses				
Posting the "call for entries" in Poets & Writers magazine			\$150	
Honorarium for the contest judge			\$100	
PO Box Rental			\$60	
Transfer lettering	12	\$120	\$1,440	
Installation materials			\$350	
Installation \$10 per hour (5 hours per stone)	12	\$50	\$600	
Total Expenses				\$2,700
Income				
Contest submission fee (per poet)	80	\$15	\$1,200	
Contribution (Grey Held and Wendy Drexler)			TBD	
Personal or Corporate Check and/or Arts Council Grant			\$1,500	
Total Income				\$2,700

Proposed Timeline

1. Project Approval—completed
2. Location Approvals—June 17
3. Post ad in various poetry publications—July
4. Rent PO box--July
5. Preparation of stones begins—July
6. Grant proposal to Newton Arts Commission--September
7. Poetry submissions evaluated--November
8. Poetry submissions judged—December
9. Winning poems sent to the Parks and Recreation Commission (via email) for approval—December
10. Winning poets notified—December
11. Poetry assigned to particular stones and typeset—Q1 2014
12. Poetry sent off to be dry-transferred—May 2014
13. Poetry placed on stones—summer 2014
14. Some sort of opening ceremony (TBD) —September 2014

Appendix A: Shapes and Sizes of Stones where Poetry will be displayed



Appendix B: Brief Bios of Committee Members

Wendy Drexler is a poet and an editor with over fifteen years' of publishing experience, most recently as Senior Editor at Educators Publishing Service in Cambridge. Her poems have appeared in *Barrow Street*, *Big Ugly Review*, *Brooklyn Review*, *Cider Press Review*, *The Comstock Review*, *Nimrod* (semi-finalist, 2006 Nimrod/Hardman Pablo Neruda Prize), *Peregrine*, *Poetry East*, *Off the Coast*, *POIESIS*, *RHINO*, *Tar River Poetry*, *Vérse Daily*, and other journals, and the anthology *Blood to Remember: American Poets on the Holocaust*. Her chapbook, "Drive-Ins, Gas Stations, the Bright Motels" (Pudding House, 2007), was nominated for a Pushcart Prize. *Western Motel*, Wendy's first book-length collection, was published in 2012 by WordTech Communications. Wendy is also the founder of a monthly poetry series at Porter Square Books in Cambridge, which hosts members of the Workshop for Publishing Poets, where she is a longtime member. She is a poetry editor for *Sanctuary*, the magazine of the Massachusetts Audubon Society.

Grey Held is a recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Creative Writing and has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize. He has had poems included in numerous anthologies including *O Taste and See* and *My Heart's First Steps*, and magazines including *Potomac Review* and *Slipstream*. His poem "Vending Machine" was set to music by Paul Carey and has been performed by a *cappella* groups all over the country. Grey's first book of poems, *Two-Star General*, was published by Brick Road Poetry Press and his second book, *Spilled Milk* was published by WordPress in 2013. When he's not writing or reading poetry (which is most of the time), Grey is the Director of Client Services at a consumer market research firm in Cambridge. In the 1980's, as co-chair of the Boston Visual Artists' Union and Chair of the Visual Arts Committee of Boston's Midtown Cultural District Taskforce, Grey was active in bringing the Arts into Public Places

Wendy Mnookin is a poet living in Newton, Massachusetts. She received her BA from Radcliffe College and her MFA in Writing from Vermont College. Her latest book, *The Moon Makes Its Own Plea*, was published by BOA Editions in 2008. Her other collections are *What He Took*, *To Get Here*, and *Guenever Speaks*. Mnookin teaches poetry in the Writing Literature and Publishing Department at Emerson College and at Grub Street, a nonprofit Boston writing center. Previously she has taught poetry at Boston College, to children in schools throughout the Boston area, and in workshops around the country. Mnookin's poems have been published in journals, online publications, and anthologies. She received an NEA Fellowship in Poetry, and *What He Took*, *To Get Here* won the 2002 Sheila Motton Award from the New England Poetry Club.

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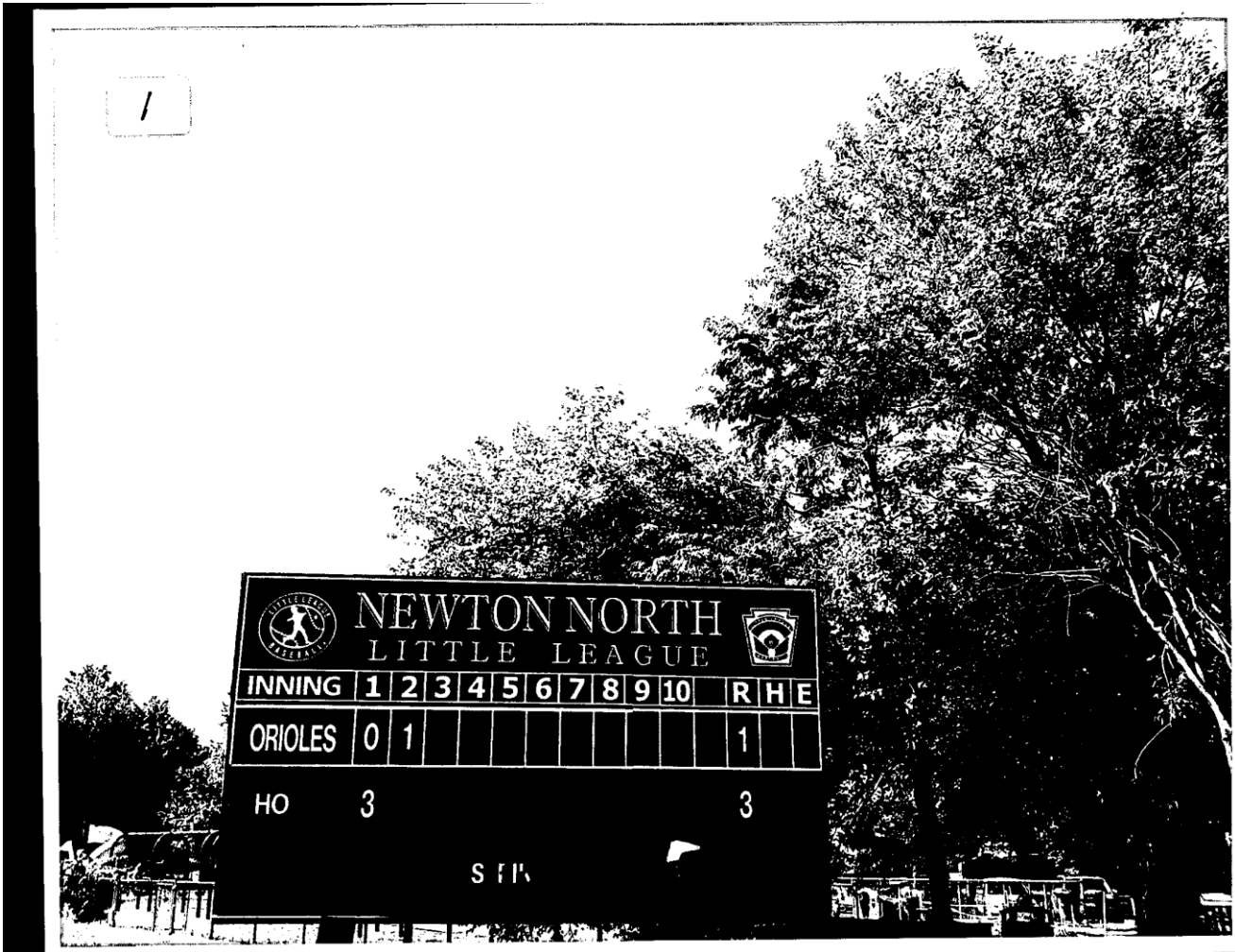
Newton North Little League(NNLL) would like to change the current scoreboard so that it functions electronically.

- Current scoreboard (sheet1) size: 12'wide by 6' high.
- Proposed addition: Electronic scoreboard(sheet 2) to be mounted directly on the existing scoreboard,just under the 'NEWTON NORTH LITTLE LEAGUE' logos. Electronic board 4.5' x 12'wide Green in color.
- Power: Current NNLL/city utility cage (sheet 3) located behind the back stop of Murphy field. Power line to be trenched and brought out to the current sign approx. 240'(sheet 4)per code. NNLL now pays and is directly billed for the meter in this cage.
- Specifications. Current sign sits app 12 feet to the top from the ground, board itself with wash board is 6'-6" x 12 ' wide. Bottom of board sits app 5' off the ground .This will stay and new unit will mount directly on it.
- Access staging (sheet 5) will be removed. Current sign is supported by two 4" x 6" steel columns will support the weight of the added unit.
- Costs: electronic board: \$4950. This will be donated by a member.
- Trench and run supply line. Two members have offered services . Both liscensed master electricians. Current estimate for installation is maxed at

NNLL Scoreboard

\$2500. That amount could change with an upgrade to service panel (\$1500 projected). NNLL will cover all amounts if approved and will provide exact estimates for the electrical upgrade.

- New Electronic board will turn on and off at the utility box, and is controlled by wireless remote.



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<i>GUEST</i>	<i>INNING</i>	<i>HOME</i>	
1	2	3	
<i>TIME</i>	<i>BALL</i>	<i>STRIKE</i>	<i>OUT</i>
1:24	3		1

ALT. STYLE IN GREEN

BALL	2		STRIKE	2		OUT	1	
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GUEST	0	0	0	2	0	0		3
HOME	1	2	0	0	2			5





