



- There is no conflict in the schedules of the Concord Trailways bus and the Carroll County Transit bus.
- There will not be a ticket booth at the location.
- The Town will not be required to provide a shelter at the location as a result of servicing two bus lines.

The Board supports the expanded use of the Municipal parking lot for the Carroll County Transit line. In an effort to be good neighbors, Community Development Director John Edgar will disclose Aubuchon Hardware of the expanded use of the lot. The matter will be handled administratively once that conversation takes place.

### **W10-38      Meredith Center Garden Proposal**

It was determined that the memorial trees planted in the Meredith Center traffic island were in honor of P.F.C. Erwin C. Young, Jr., who sacrificed his life in the Korean War. Permission has been granted by Private Young's sister, Jeanne Berry of Sanbornton, to remove the dying trees from the traffic island.

Holly Tetreault, Meredith Center resident and coordinator of the project, updated the Board on changes in the scope of the garden proposal. Instead of dedicating the garden to the Visiting Nurses Association in memory of her mother, it is proposed that the sale of memory stones paying tribute to past and present members of the Meredith Center community will partially fund the project. Pledge donations have been received from The Greater Meredith Program, Oak Hill Golf Course and members of the community. She presented a sketch of the proposed common prepared by Christine Hoedecker that depicts a bench and small plaque dedicated to Private Young. Ms. Tetreault explained that bench is a hypothetical object that represents a memorial to be constructed from the trees that were planted in his memory. The sketch also includes a red maple tree, a berm constructed of the memory stones, and plantings.

Selectman Brothers believes that some of the concerns expressed with the original plans have been addressed. The proposed improvements might have a calming effect on traffic, but preventing speeding is ultimately a matter of enforcement. Visibility will be improved with the planting of a deciduous tree. He is pleased that the project will be celebrated as a community park as opposed to honoring individuals.

Selectman Worsman does not want the Town to take any responsibility for the project, and likens it to an Adopt a Spot. Signage should be kept reasonably small. She is concerned that a bench might promote use of the space as a sitting area, and would like to see the focus of the project on the tree.

Selectman Lovett inquired if the memory stones will be brick or granite. Ms. Tetreault explained that the material will be chosen based on the cost of the stone and that the cost of granite might thwart sales. He is concerned that memorializing past and present community members might result in an interest that cannot be accommodated, and suggested limiting the sale of stones to honoring those who built the community during a specified period of time. He would like the Board to give additional consideration to the matter. Ms. Tetreault explained that the number of stones available for sale will be determined by the landscaper, and based on the number of stones needed to complete the project. She proposed that the stones will be sold on a first come, first

serve basis. Selectman Lovett expressed concerns that that process might leave out those who don't respond to the offer quickly enough.

Selectman Torr would like to coordinate the project with future plans for road improvements by the State of New Hampshire.

Acting Chair Worsman explained that the Department of Transportation indicated that there are no funds available for road improvements at this time, no conceptual designs in place, and no guarantee that future road improvements will not disturb the garden. She conceptually likes the idea and supports it as an Adopt a Spot. Signage should indicate that the spot has been adopted by the Meredith Center community. She would like to know the number of blocks needed and whether they are salt resistant. She referred Ms. Tetreault to The Greater Meredith Program for guidance on choosing salt resistant plantings.

Selectman Lovett suggested that Ms. Tetreault submit a written proposal that describes the proposed project, including the planting of the tree, the building of the burm, and the nature of memorializing the stones. The proposal should recognize that there is a potential that the garden will have to be relocated in the future to accommodate road changes.

Selectman Torr suggested phasing the project in order to get the tree planted and established before the winter season. Phase I will include removing the existing trees, cleaning up the area, and planting the maple tree. Phase II will include a proposal for the memory stones and the remainder of the project, and will be put in place next spring.

There was an agreement among the Board to allow Ms. Tetreault to proceed with Phase I of the project as proposed by Selectman Torr. The Town Manager will assist Ms. Tetreault in preparing the written proposal.

*Selectman Brothers motioned to adjourn the Workshop at 5:15 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Lovett.4-0. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Phillip L. Warren, Town Manager

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Colette Worsman, Acting Chair

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Peter F. Brothers

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Miller C. Lovett

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Nathan J. Torr