

**Board of Selectmen
Special Meeting
October 12, 2021 — 4:30 PM
Site Walk: Lebanon Green (in front of library construction site)
MINUTES**

Members Present: First Selectman Kevin Cwikla, Selectmen Kathleen Smith, Glen Coutu, Robin Chesmer, and Betsy Petrie-McComber

Others Present: Bernard Dennler (Office Manager); Kelly Lawer and Scott Bender (Lebanon Green Tree Replanting Committee); Jim Russo (Library Building Committee)

1.0 Call to Order

K. Cwikla called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM.

2.0 Site Walk/Discuss and Act On Location of Tree for Future Tree Lightings

The Selectmen met at the flagpole on the Green with representatives from the Lebanon Green Tree Replanting Committee K. Lawer and S. Bender and J. Russo of the Library Building Committee. The Tree Committee recommended that the new tree be placed in the vicinity of the current flagpole. They discussed concerns that placing a large tree at the flagpole would obstruct the view across the Green.

G. Coutu suggested limiting the new tree to a certain height and then replacing it when it gets too big. B. Petrie said they can plan to do that but the likelihood is that such a maintenance plan would not be followed through on over the long term. G. Coutu said if the tree is going to be on the Green then it should be symmetrical from the center of the new library windows.

R. Chesmer said it would be ok to go asymmetrical and move the new tree closer to the walking path in line with other trees. K. Lawer and K. Smith also voiced support for planting closer to the walking path. R. Chesmer said this would preserve the view of the Green. B. Petrie said she would not support planting the tree closer to the walking path. G. Coutu was concerned it would appear that the tree had just been stuck there. He suggested planting at the Alden Tavern Lot which would make the tree a “focal point” without detracting from the Green’s views.

The Selectmen continued to walk the site and asked J. Russo for his opinion based on the planned library site work. J. Russo suggested closer to the edge of the new parking lot so that the tree would be less intrusive on the Green and would look more like it was part of the library landscape. The Selectmen agreed this would preserve the view of the Green and look most natural.

B. Petrie MOVED to plant a tree for future tree lightings at the vicinity of the edge of the current construction fence and in line with the current tree lighting site. K. Smith SECONDED.

MOTION CARRIED 5:0

3.0 Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Bernard W. Dennler III
Office Manager to the First Selectman