



BONIN ARCHITECTS

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New London Park Neighbors Meeting – Tracy Memorial Library - 12/5/25

Attendees:

Russell Moore - BPAC
Ed Condict - BPAC
Don Eberly - BPAC
Bethany Brenner – Woodcrest
Keith Coughlin, New London Playhouse
Mike Ryan, General Manager- The Elms
Richard Tutwiler, Director Tracy Memorial Library
Liz Niehaus, Montessori Director, Strawberry Blossom
Greg Rusnica - Landscape Architect - BAA
Paul Larocque Architect – BAA

Introduction

- Participants introduced themselves and added input on how they use the existing park as neighbors. Bethany Brenner stated that the park benefits the residents of Woodcrest with adjacent greenspace. Residents pay Bocce in the park. She would like to keep access to green space.
- Keith stated the residents of the Barn Playhouse Apartments use the municipal parking lot.
- Mike stated he is an avid biker, agrees space is underutilized, would like to create a curated space, increase walkability of the area.
- Richard stated the library patrons use the municipal parking. He would like to see a story walk incorporated into the park, use by children's groups.
- Liz noted the Montessori would utilize the park for children's walking tours. She noted the need for picnic tables and items such as trash cans. The new Montessori school across the street will have parking for 13 vehicles.

General Overview

- Russ provided a general overview of the project and its conception. He noted the project was in its initials stages. The proposed designs were diagrammatic and would be refined with the input of neighbors, town officials and the entire community.

Design Options

- Greg Rusnica reviewed 2 diagrammatic options.
- Bethany preferred the Option 2. Provides closer access to park for residents.
- Keith also like Option 2. Liked the arbor setback from the path rather than over it and its potential use for performances.
- Mike also liked the arbor set back from the path.
- Russ noted that it may be best to allow for flexibility in the plan
- Liz noted there is a need for play structures and family spaces along Main St. Has a preference for natural playscape.