

21 Pond Lane Public Forum Notes

Facilitated by Ben Barkan (Home Harvest) and David Morgan (DPCD)

Town Hall Auditorium

08.08.24 6:00 – 7:30 PM

Approximately 30 community members in attendance

Proposed concepts included:

- Do nothing
- Sustainable Landscape Handbook demo site
- Adventure playground/movable park
- Bike pitstop
 - o Friends of Spy Pond Park (FSPP) previously explored this proposal and determined it to be unfeasible
 - o Add bike parking on the Minuteman
- Greenhouses (to include educational programming, outdoor space with picnic tables, etc.)
 - o FSPP supported, proposal to grow for public projects and spaces
- Rewilded forest and/or meadow
 - o Labels on trees and other plants
- Stewardship Center (i.e., programmable space for nature-focused education)
- Outdoor working space
- Low maintenance edible garden

Priorities included:

- Biodiversity
- Passive use

Concerns included:

- Providing safe access, including drawing minimal vehicular traffic
 - o Instead encouraging foot traffic, potentially relocating entrance on Pond Lane
- Designing for low maintenance
- No or few fabricated or constructed elements
 - o Having a light touch on the existing landscape
- Adding signage to indicate public use
- Preservation of mature trees
 - o Inventory of existing vegetation
- Coordination with partners like Friends of Spy Pond Park
- Uninvited/unwelcome critters

Objections included:

- Any changes beyond plantings and resumed maintenance
- Bocce or exercise courts