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**THETFORD MEMORIAL PARK WORKING GROUP
TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2015 MEETING
POST MILLS PARK SITE**

On Tuesday, July 14th, Jessica, Jennifer D., Marty, and Jen B. met in Post Mills. We discussed the importance of keeping the design simple. Certainly, more can be done in the years to come!

We discovered that the church has an outdoor tap and hose. With a couple of extra lengths and permission, we feel this could be very helpful in watering trees/plants this fall. It would be great to plant trees in October. (Side bar: the Thetford Historical Society is willing to sponsor the purchase of one of the trees.) We also checked the view from the front steps of the church. In order to connect the church, park, and cemetery, we decided to avoid planting tall trees that would block the lovely view of the flowering trees in the cemetery. Finally, we put up a bit of twine on most of the stakes on the 244 side of the green.

Below, you will find attached a very rough sketch of the park, specifically where trees might be planted. We marked these spots on the green with stakes to try and help us visualize what things might look like. The sketch is not to scale!

Please notice that there are 11 trees (T) on the drawing. At the point of the triangle we thought we might try to plant an elm. Additionally, there are three clumps of trees. Six of these would be oak and the other three ash. (We had discussed maple, but because of the salt we are suggesting ash.) The groups of trees should leave a view of the cemetery as well as provide open spaces within the green itself. Having 6 trees on the south side should provide good shade, eventually. At the wide end of the triangle, closer to the wires, are where the monument, benches, and shorter tree(s) could be. We thought crab apple because it is a physical/visual link to the cemetery and the right variety will not grow tall enough to interfere with the wires. Of course, adding some perennial flowers and/or bushes would be nice, especially at the very point and by the pole.

Jennifer D. is going to be talking to Elmer about trees, costs, etc.
Jessica is going to talk to Ted Peters about possible right-of-ways with the power company.
A few of us will be talking to individuals/families/organizations about sponsoring more of the trees. Feel free to talk to people!

The **next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 11th at 5pm in Post Mills.** At that point we should be able to talk about ordering trees and prep work needed for planting.

Finally, a couple of ideas:

1. Should we put up a sign and/or more twine so that people do not park on the grass during the Bean Hole Supper on August 8th?
2. At the Bean Hole Supper, should we have a hand out and/or offer a talk or something that might explain what is going on with this space?

I am sure that I have forgotten something! Jennifer, Marty, and Jessica, please feel free to correct or add to what I have written here!

Thanks,
Jen Boeri-Boyce