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Emily Parks
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220 Nahatan Street
Westwood, MA 02090

April 26, 2022

re: #790 Gay Street – DEP file # 338-0725 - Minor Modification - Assessors Map 16, Lots 005 and 437

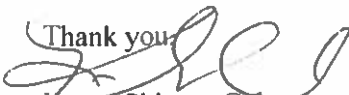
Dear Ms. Parks:

Please be advised that at their April 13, 2022 meeting, the Westwood Conservation Commission unanimously agreed that the proposed changes are all within the approved limit of work and are not significant to the interest of the Wetland Protection Act or a significant change in the approved plan and shall be considered a Minor Modification, including the following:

1. A portion of the STEM porch, located outside the library, art and music rooms is scaled down in size, and paving associated with the outdoor classroom area, converting approximately 1,000 sf of concrete and bituminous pavement and stone wall to lawn/grass. This has resulted a reduction in several stormwater drainage systems accordingly. Please see attached memo, prepared by Nitsch Engineering, outlining these revisions. The central portion of the STEM porch directly outside the library will remain, along with the canopy.
2. Selective sections of sidewalk that were previously planned to be concrete are now asphalt. See yellow highlighted areas in the attached sketch. The SBC decided to keep granite curbing both along Gay Street and within the site. They also decided to keep the sidewalk along Gay Street as concrete.
3. Selective areas of shrubs and plantings planned on the west/northern sides of the fire access lane will be changed to wildlife seed mix. The Alternate plantings in this area will remain as Alternate.
4. The walkway canopy will be placed as an Alternate. Should bids come in favorably, the school district would accept this Alternate

Ms. Catrone states these minor modifications were approved by the Planning Board at their April 12, 2022 meeting. The Commission agrees they have no concerns with these changes.

These modifications are shown on the attached sketch plans, submitted by Roberto Fitzgerald of Dore and Whittier, 260 Merrimac Street, Building 7, 2nd Floor, Newburyport, MA 01950. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you

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MEMORANDUM



April 6, 2022

To: Town of Westwood – Land Use Committee
From: Roberto Fitzgerald, Project Manager
Subject: Summary of Modifications to site plan

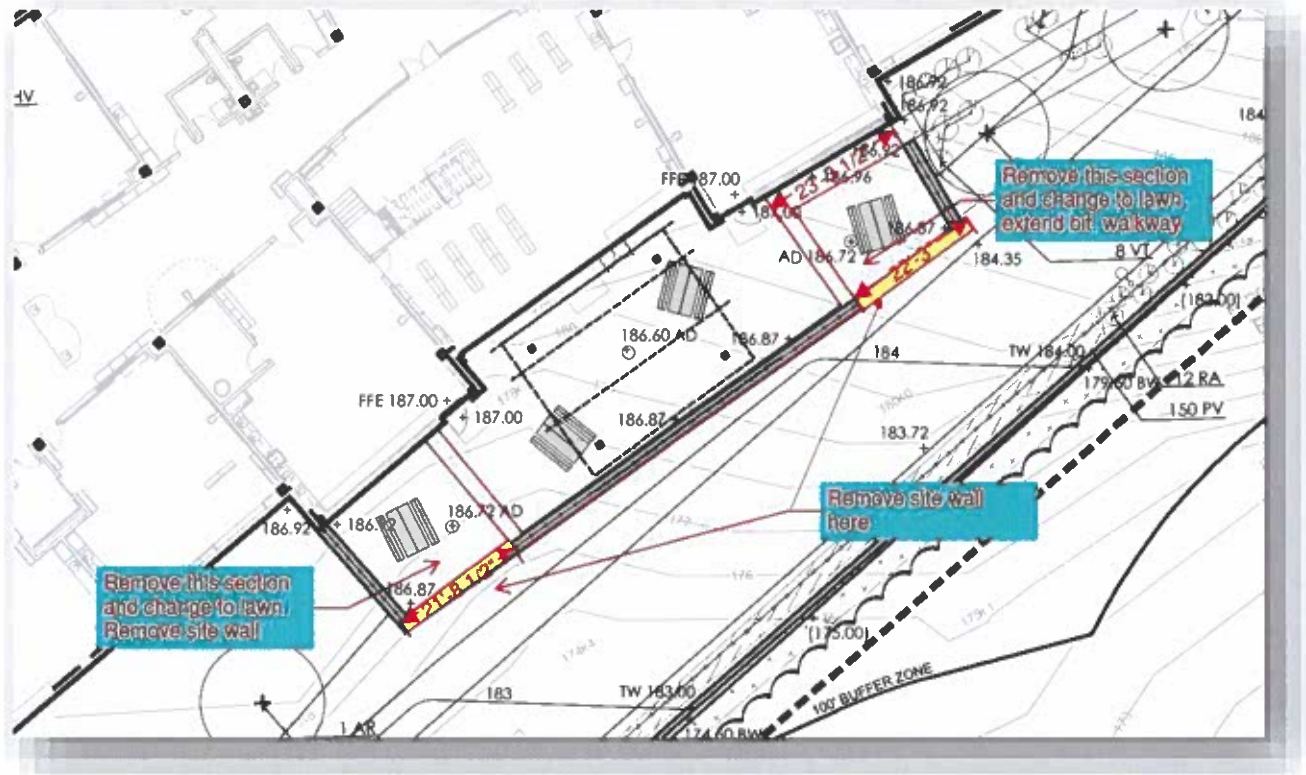
Project Name: Hanlon-Deerfield Elementary School Project
Project Number: 19-0798

As a result of substantial and unprecedented price increases in the last two months, we have completed a value engineering process on the Hanlon School project, just voted in by the School Building Committee (SBC) at their Friday, April 1st, 2022 meeting.

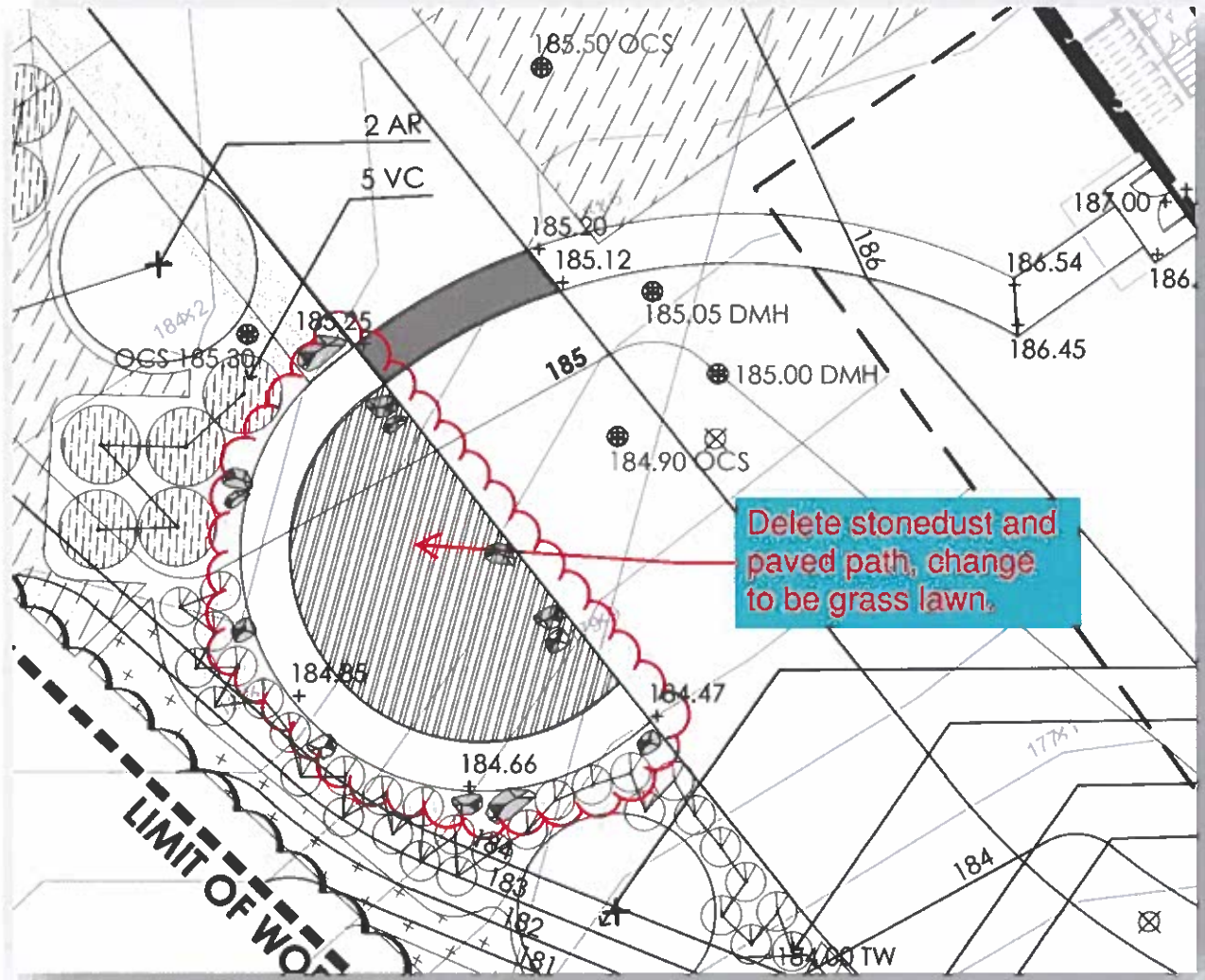
That process resulted in several changes to the site plan, as follows:

1. A portion of the STEM porch, located outside the library, art and music rooms is scaled down in size, and paving associated with the outdoor classroom area, converting approximately 1,000 sf of concrete and bituminous pavement and stone wall to lawn/grass. This has resulted in a reduction in several stormwater drainage systems accordingly. Please see attached, 13759 Stormwater memo, prepared by Nitsch Engineering, outlining these revisions. The central portion of the STEM porch concrete patio area directly outside the library will remain, along with the canopy. Refer to the attached "2-VE Revsns..." document.
2. The walkway canopy will be placed as an Alternate. Should bids come in favorably, the school district would accept this Alternate. Refer to the attached "2-VE Revsns..." document
3. Selective sections of sidewalk that were previously planned to be concrete are now asphalt. See yellow highlighted areas in the attached sketch, "3-L0.01 Keyplan-sidwls..." drawing. The SBC decided to keep granite curbing both along Gay Street and within the site. They also decided to keep the sidewalk along Gay Street as concrete.
4. Selective areas (dark shaded plantings) of shrubs and plantings planned around the playground areas, to the west and north of the fire access lane will be changed to wildlife seed mix. The "Alternate" plantings (white plantings) in this area will remain as an Alternate as previously indicated. See attached "4-L3.01-VE Landscape..." drawing.

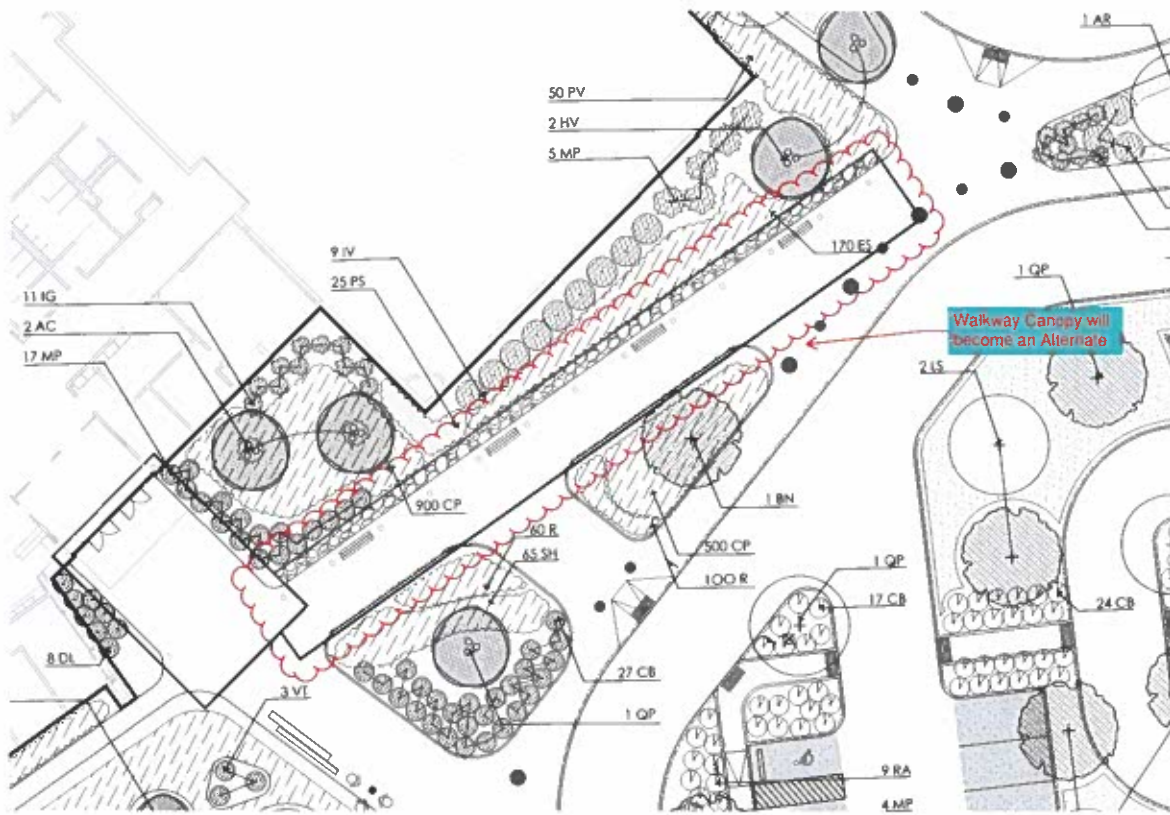
Value Engineering Revisions to Hanlon School Project
STEM Porch, Outdoor Classroom, Walkway Canopy
4-6-22



SKETCH-1. Remove portion of STEM porch pavement and site wall



Sketch 2: Outdoor Classroom: Delete stonedust and paved path, change to grass lawn



Sketch 3: Walkway Canopy becomes an Alternate