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TOWN OF NEWTOWN
Fairfield Hills Authority
MEETING MINUTES

**The Fairfield Hills Authority held a Meeting on October 23, 2023
in Council Chambers at the Municipal Center, 3 Primrose Street, Newtown CT 06470**

These minutes are subject to the approval of the FHA at their next meeting.

Present: Ross Carley, Anthony Filiato, Justin Molito, Brook Clark, Jim Landy, Melissa Beylouni (arrived 7:16 pm)

Absent: Michael Holmes, Terry Sagedy

Public Attendance: None

Also Present: Jaqlyn Schultz, Kim Chiappetta – Economic & Community Development and Fairfield Hills Coordinator (clerk)

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Public Participation:

None

Acceptance of Minutes

Chair Ross Carley asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the meeting held on September 25, 2023.
Anthony Filiato entertained. Jim Landy seconded and all were in favor.

The Chairman thanked Authority members for volunteering.

Chairman's Report

Ross welcomed the new Economic and Community Development Director, John Voket. John expressed how he was thrilled to go back to something that he loves to do. He told the Authority of his great success working with the Bridgeport Regional Service Council and the Downtown Special Services District, the Stratford, Trumbull and Bridgeport Chambers, the Women's Leadership Council and the CT State Economic Development Sub office.

Jim Landy asked about the follow-up items from the Community Center Playground project. Ross said he spoke with Fred Hurley about the project. Ross reminded the group that the proposed project location is to the left of the Community Center near the emergency access road. He informed members of the many proposed uses for the space and that the area may have to be raised before any projects could proceed. Ross explained that at this time the focus will be on only the playground project for a portion of the area.

Ross informed the Authority that there has been no new updates on the application for historic designation of the campus.

The Chair reminded everyone of the concept of a Friends of Fairfield Hills non-profit who would raise funds for projects on the campus such as the gathering spaces. Ross asked Justin if he has the time, could he provide the parameters to form the group. Justin said he will let the group know when can present the information.

New Business:**Eagle Scout Project:**

Chairman Carley invited Eagle Scout, Jaclyn Schultz, to approach the Authority. Jaclyn presented a proposed Eagle Scout project to erect little free libraries on the campus that would be the size of birdhouses to provide the community free access to books without any requirements to return them. (See Attachment A.) Books can be returned to any little library, or shared with friends. The proposal was for three locations on the campus; one in the area of the baseball fields, one by the victory garden, and one where the trail forks. Ross asked who would be installing these libraries. Jaclyn explained that this is a troop project and she would be guiding them. Each little free library will be about 4 ft. tall, and measure 2' x 1.5'. Ross asked about maintenance. Jaclyn is planning annual maintenance. She will be placing books in initially, and plans to visit at the beginning of each month to check them. Kim recommended she notify Parks & Rec of her project as a courtesy since the little libraries will be in areas associated Parks & Rec. She will also need to contact the Land Use department to determine if any permits are required. Jim asked if the libraries are weather proof, and if she considered contacting the library for book donations. Jaclyn confirmed the little libraries are weather proof and said that she is still working on donations. Brook Clark emphasized that the Authority is working to plan and organize spaces on the campus and this is part of their consideration. Ross put forward the idea of placing one slightly off the trail near the victory garden, as there are plans to place picnic tables in that area. Anthony asked what troop Jaclyn is a member. She responded that she is a member of troop 870 who meets at Newtown Hook and Ladder. Justin expressed that he liked the idea. Melissa offered donations to the project.

Jim Landy motioned to approve the Eagle Scout Little Free Library project with the contingency that the necessary follow-up is done with the Land Use and Parks & Rec departments. Justin Molito seconded and all were in favor.

Gathering Space maintenance:

Kim asked the Authority for recommendations on the maintenance of the gathering space located along the ramp at the Tax entrance of the Municipal Center. Members discussed considering making the location an adopt-a-space. Brook recommended that initial cutting back be done in the spring, and occasional weeding be done from spring into the fall. Melissa suggested contacting the greenery class at Newtown High School to see if they would be interested in maintaining the area.

Campus Landscape Plan:

Ross asked if Melissa and Brook were interested in participating in a work group to begin the process of obtaining an overlay plan for potential gathering space locations throughout the campus. Melissa and Brook both acknowledged that they were interested and will try to meet soon.

Pervious Parking:

Kim Chiappetta presented preliminary plans for a permeable parking area. (See Attachment B.) She explained that she has been working with the Town Engineer, John Curtis, who has drafted the design and obtained options. This project will create a flexible space that can be used for both parking and events. The plan is to install pavers with granite curbs and plantings outlining 3 sides. A berm will be installed at the edge of the location along the walking trail. Brook recommended installing a curb stop along the berm to ensure vehicles cannot inadvertently go onto the walking trail. John Voket told the group that he has seen this type of application in a few areas, and found that once grass has filled in the concrete is not as noticeable. Brook told the group of an unsuccessful installation she had seen where grass didn't grow. The group discussed the importance of ensuring the soil is sufficient to support grass growth. Anthony asked how parking spaces would be outlined. Kim explained that this aspect of the project has not yet been determined. Members discussed options such as bumpers, or painting over the pavers. Justine asked about the timeline for the project. Kim replied that she hopes the project can begin next spring. She reminded the group that this project will be

funded by a Community Project Funding grant through the EPA. Funds have been allocated for the Town, but she still needs to submit the final grant application. Kim explained that the Town Engineer has recommended the Turfstone paver option for this project and asked if the members were agreement. All members agreed with the recommendation.

Member Updates:

None.

Staff Update:

None.

Adjournment:

With no further business, Melissa Beylouni motioned to adjourn, Anthony Filiato seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Kimberly Chiappetta, Clerk.

A recording of the meeting is available by contacting Kimberly.Chiappetta@newtown-ct.gov.

Attachment A

Jaclyn Schultz

Little Free Libraries

Eagle Scout Project

What is a little free library?

- A little free library is a free book exchange. It is available to the public for everyone to use.

Who will it benefit?

- All members of the community can benefit from a mini library as it promotes relaxation, socialization, and literacy.

Is there a need for Mini Libraries?

- Yes! With the current development in Fairfield Hills drawing family activities to the area, a Mini Library is a great next step.

Instructions

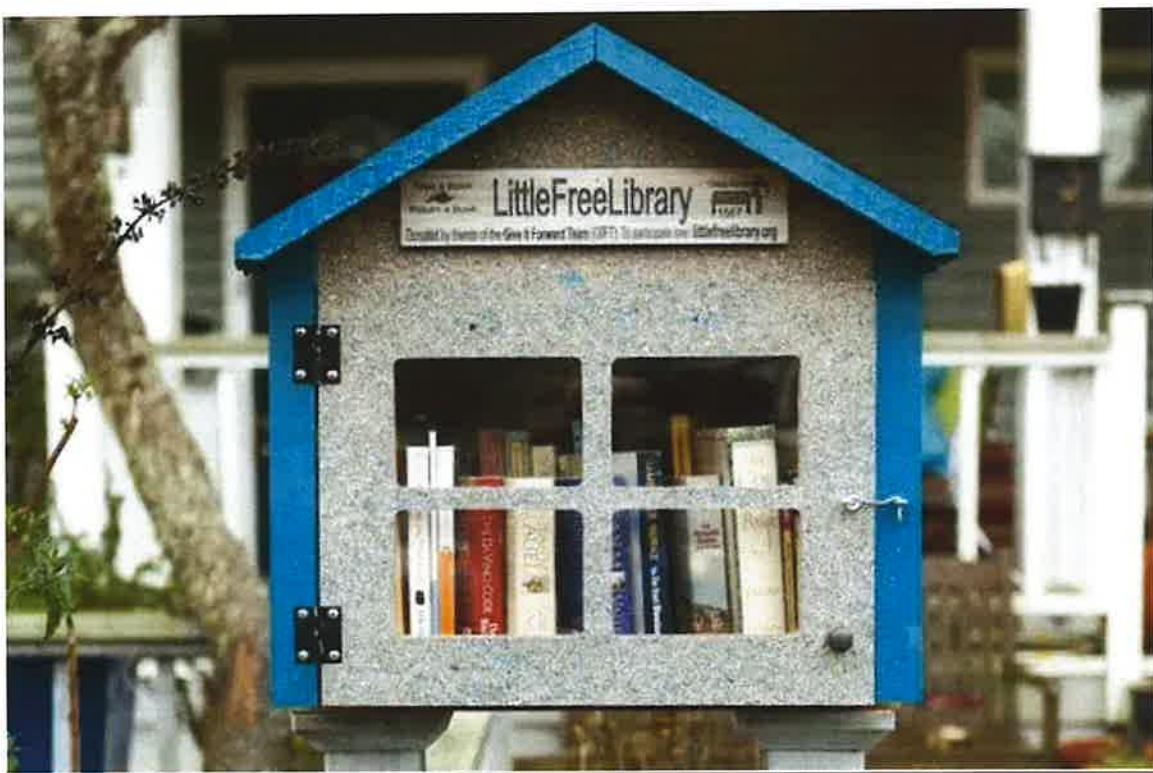
Taking books

- If you see something you want to read, you can take it. When you're finished you can share it with a friend, bring it back here, or leave it in another Little Free library.

Giving Books

- It's up to everyone to keep this library full of good books. Bring books when you can, and continue to visit Little Free Libraries everywhere.

Examples



Attachment A

Dimensions

Height of post

- 3 Feet , 4x4x5 post

Depth in the ground

- 2 Feet

Depth and width of the library

- 2 feet by 1 ½ feet

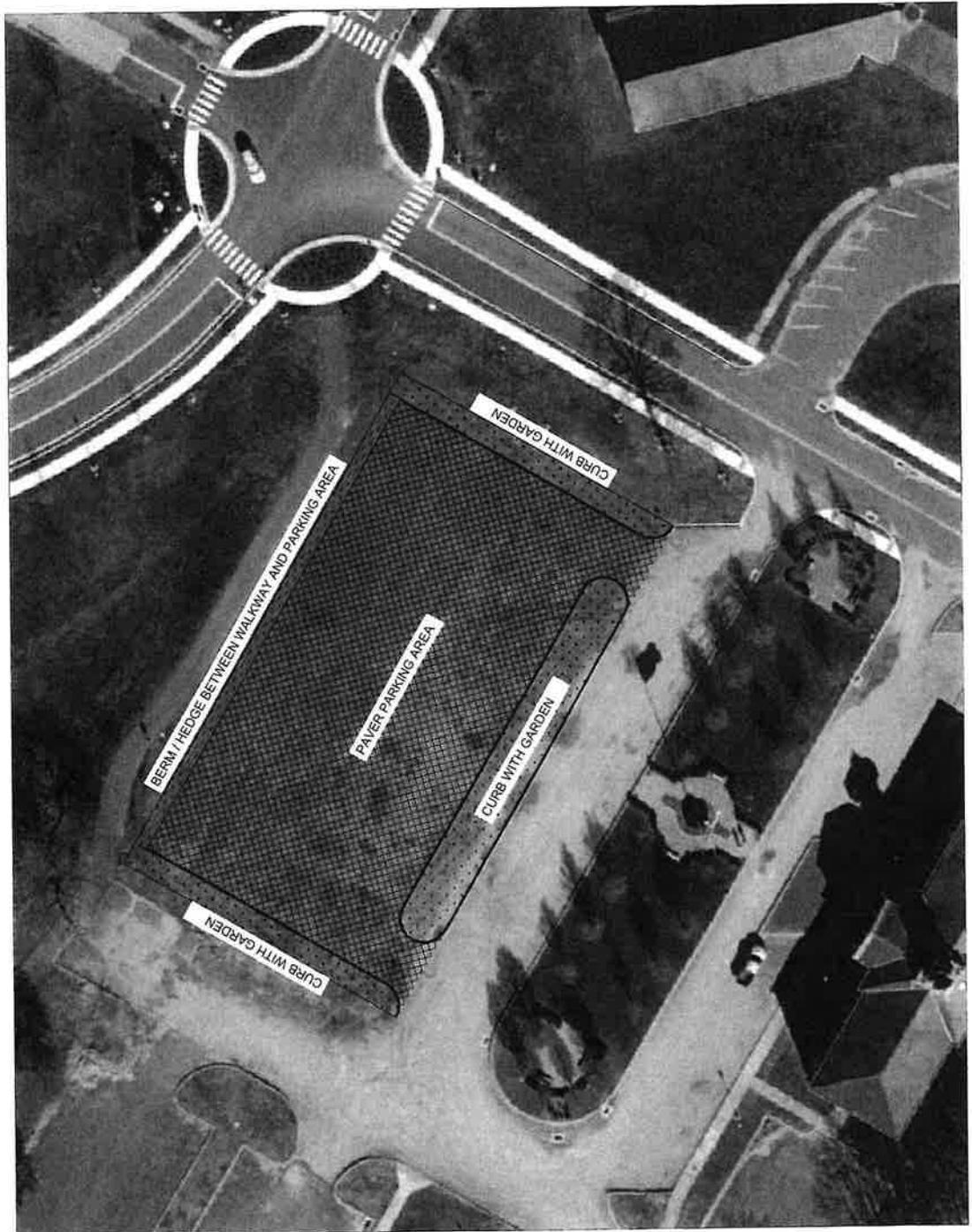
Height of library

- 2 feet

Materials needed

- Plexiglass
- Hinges
- Latches
- Screws
- Wood glue
- Weather proof paint/stain
- 4x4x5 cedar posts
- Cedar wood
- Shingles





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PREVIOUS PAVER AREA		1:4000
		SHADES
		PERIOD
		DATE
		DESCRIPTION
		REV.
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PRODUCT DATA*

	Stones / sq ft	Pieces / Pallet	Coverage / Pallet	Weight / Unit	Weight / Pallet	Net Void
4 x 8 Unit	4.5	432	93.2 ft ² (8.65 m ²)	8 lbs (3.6 kg)	3,456 lbs (1,567 kg)	13%
8 x 8 Unit	2.25	192	83.04 ft ² (7.71 m ²)	16 lbs (7.2 kg)	3,172 lbs (1,439 kg)	9%

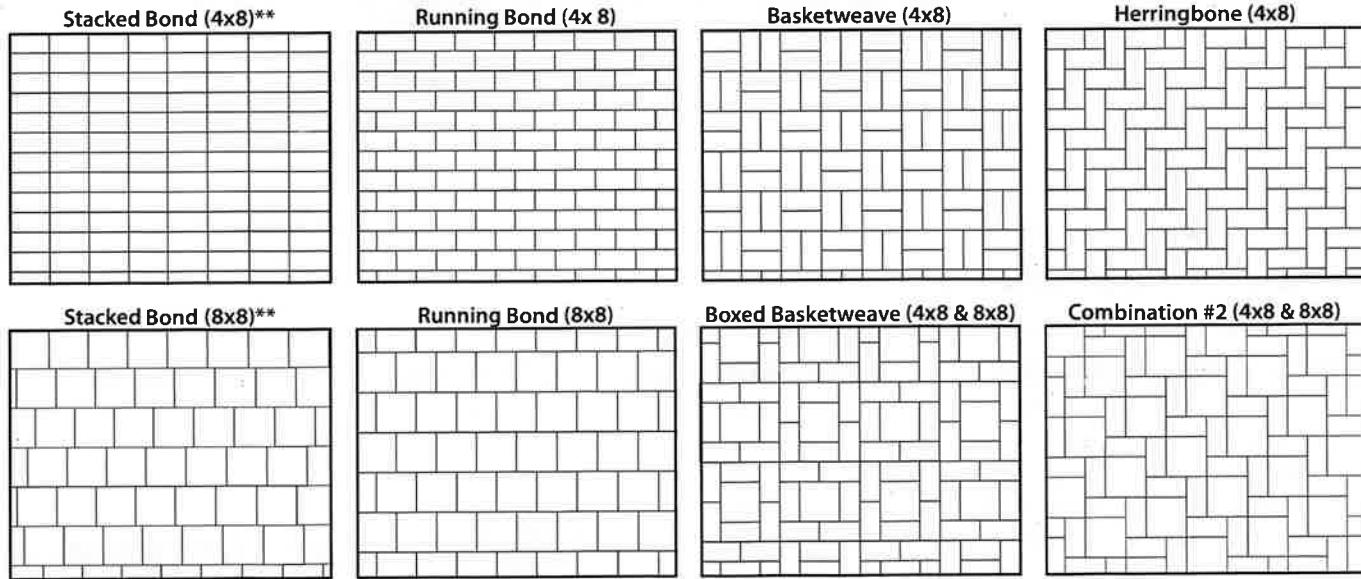
All **Weight per Pallet** noted above include a 50 lb pallet weight.

*All metric dimensions are soft converted to Imperial.

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Eco-Priora is manufactured to the same high quality specifications as all other Mutual Materials interlocking concrete pavers and meet or exceed the requirements in ASTM C 936, "Standard Specification for Solid Concrete Interlocking Paving Units."

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4 x 8: 75%, 8 x 8: 25%

4 x 8: 50%, 8 x 8: 50%

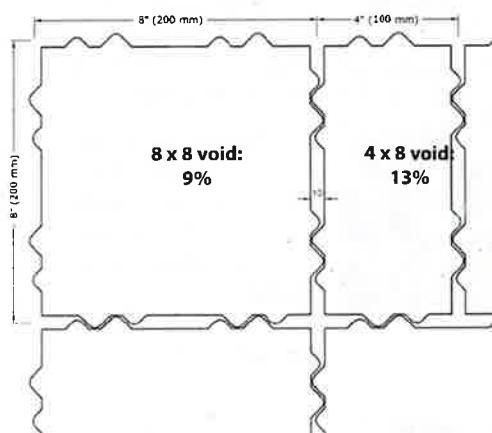
AVAILABLE COLORS

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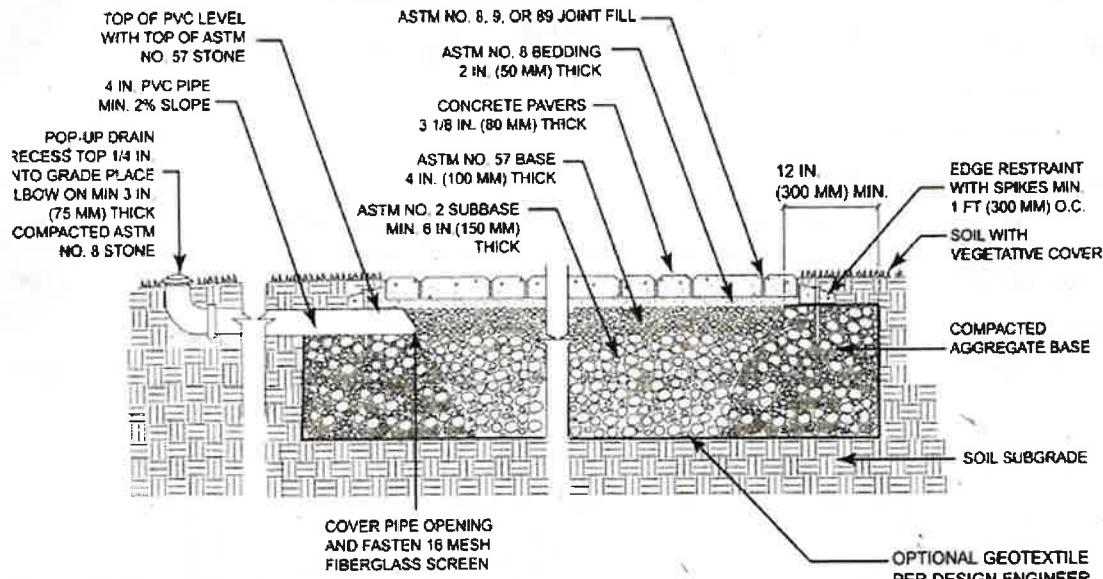
When building permeable pavement structures with Eco-Priora 4 x 8 or 8 x 8, follow design and construction recommendations found in "Permeable Interlocking Concrete Pavements- 4th Edition" as published by the Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute (ICPI, 2011). Copies are available from ICPI (www.ICPI.org) or your Mutual Materials representative.

Also, LEED credits may be available for stormwater management, urban heat island reduction, and innovative design (according to the project certification process established by the USGBC).



Green Note: EcoPriora permeable pavers may contribute towards LEED credits as determined by the USGBC. Credits vary by project and by manufacturer. For more specific information on how EcoPriora might contribute towards LEED certification for your project, please contact your Mutual Materials sales representative.

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- Open lattice grid design for turf infill
- 40% surface opening with void space for creating a grass pavement
- Applications include driveways, parking stalls, ramps, service and emergency access lanes

❖ AVAILABLE COLOR



GRAY

❖ SHAPES & SIZES



15 $\frac{1}{4}$ x 23 $\frac{3}{8}$ x 3 $\frac{1}{8}$

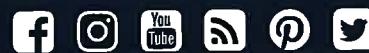
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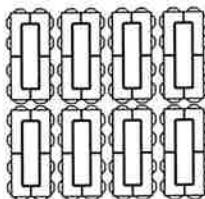
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AQUASTORM

DESCRIPTION: Paver **TEXTURE:** Smooth

PALLET OVERVIEW



Aqua Storm paver meet and exceeds the requirements of ASTM C1319 for Concrete Grid Paving Units.

NOTES

See page 62 to 64 for more technical information. When used in a permeable pavement application, see page 33 and 101 for more technical information.

See page 30 for more information about applications.

JOINT WIDTH: 1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " (41 mm)

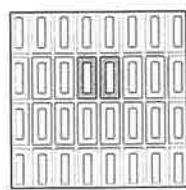
% OF SURFACE OPENING: 38 %

INFILTRATION RATE: 2 395 in./hr
(60 842 mm/hr)

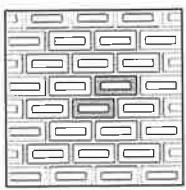
WINTER CONDITIONS

De-icing salts should never be used on grass as salt will damage it. The snowblower blade should be set to leave a $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (2 to 4 cm) tamped snow cover to protect the grass from extreme cold and prevent it from being torn off during snow removal.

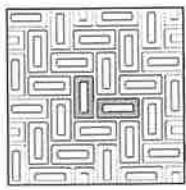
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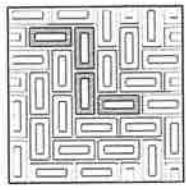
02 | Linear pattern



03 | Herringbone pattern



04 | Herringbone pattern



Patterns are for design inspiration only. The installer is responsible to calculate & purchase the correct amount of material.

Grey



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