



## *Town of Lexington*

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### **MEMORANDUM**

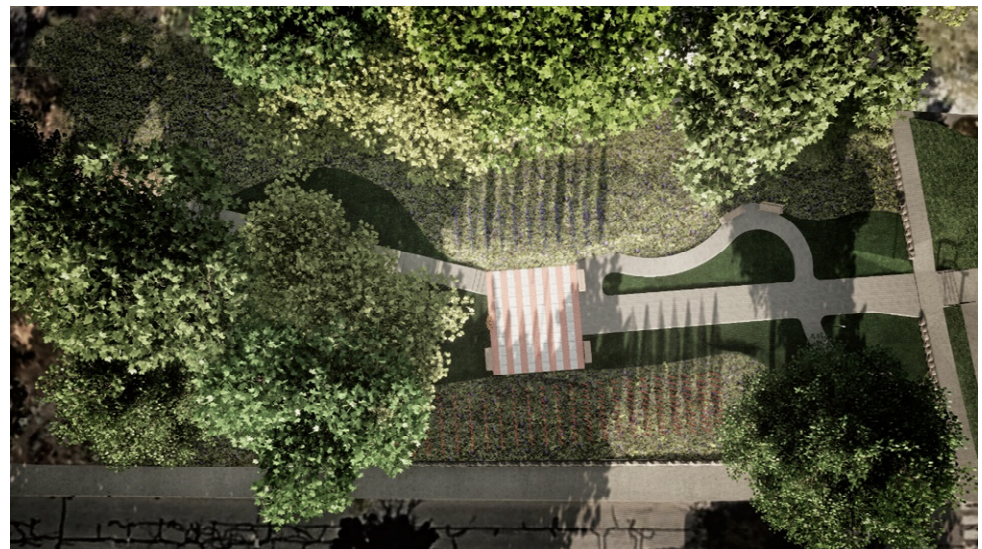
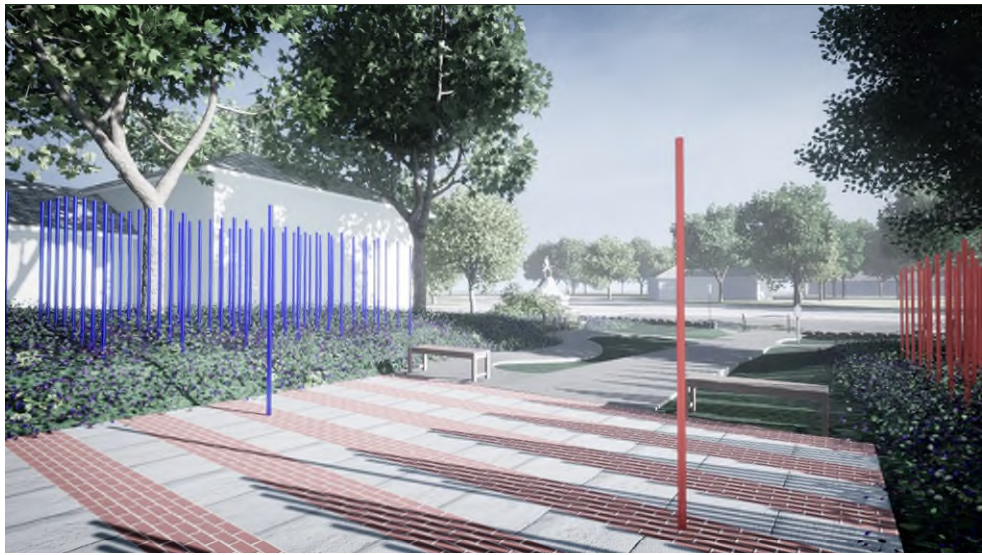
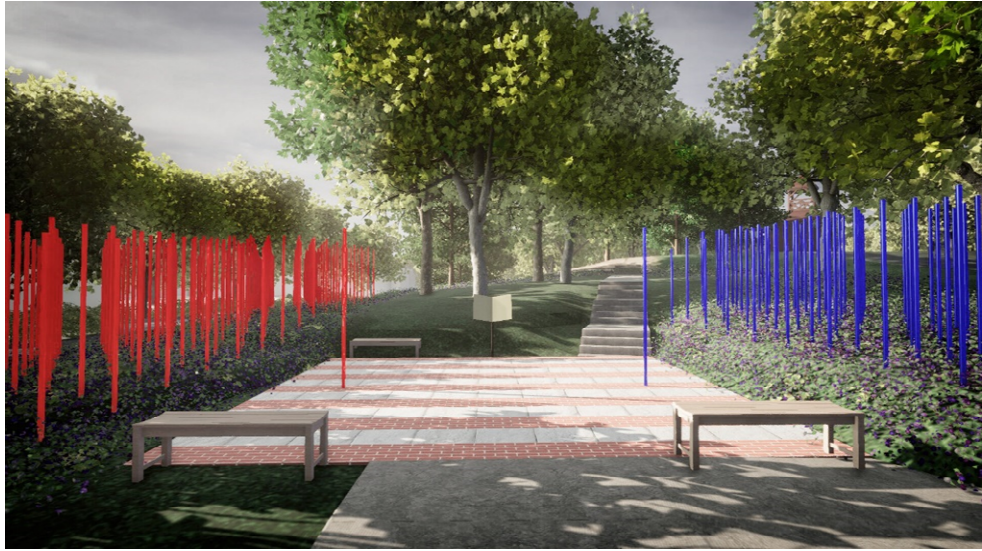
TO: Select Board  
FROM: Jim Malloy, Town Manager  
DATE: August 9, 2024  
RE: Weekly Update

The following is an update of activities for the week ending August 9, 2024:

#### Town Manager Updates:

- Attached please find the updated proposal from Miriam Gusevich for Belfry Park. She has been working with Dave Pinsonneault and the landscape architect to align her design with the new accessible walkway. She has also been working with Barry Cunha from the Lex250 Commission. The attached has been submitted to the HDC and is on their agenda for review and consideration on 9/5. The following are some additional renderings of the design:







- Police Solar Canopy Project - As the Board is aware, we are about \$1.2 million short as this aspect of the Net Zero Police Station was originally designed (for approval with HDC) and from the pricing we received. To address this shortage (in addition to the work Mike Cronin has been doing with Sustainable Lexington on redesign), Mike, Carolyn Kosnoff and I worked together to submit a request to Senators Markey and Warren's offices for what is referred to as "Congressionally Directed Funding". The *great* news is that the "Lexington Net Zero Police Station Solar Infrastructure Project" has been included in the Senate Appropriations Committee recommendations (and the Senate Budget) for \$1,240,000 in the Federal Fiscal Year 2025 (Oct 2024 through Sept 2025). I spoke with Senator Markey's office this week about the process moving forward. Normally, the House and Senate would go through a reconciliation process between the House and Senate recommendations on the FY25 budget and the Town would have access to the funding after Oct 1 – however, given the Presidential election, both houses of Congress will wait until Nov/Dec to go through the reconciliation and the funds should be available after the budget is adopted (hopefully in Dec/Jan). They did indicate that generally the House doesn't change the Senate's recommendations and vice versa, so there's an excellent potential the funding will remain in the final FY25 Federal budget. Once the bill does pass, the Town will need to apply for the funds (the funding will be earmarked for the Town's project, but the Town needs to confirm the project is real and the funds will be spent as intended). This funding will make up the gap between the Town Meeting appropriation and the actual cost. To move the project forward, you may still want to go to Town Meeting to seek the difference so the project can move forward (and there isn't more of an inflationary impact or a new administration or for some other reason the funding doesn't come through) and then offset the additional appropriation with the Federal Funds or you may want to wait until these funds are available and go forward at that point. Again, this is *great news* as it funds the gap in the project, but there are additional steps that need to occur since it's Federal Funds, directed through Congress so it will require some patience for 3-4 months. Leading up to the Fall Special Town Meeting, the Select Board should discuss whether to seek to fund this amount so the project can move forward or make a decision to wait. We will put this on the agenda for early October for discussion.
- Attached please find the agenda tracker for upcoming Select Board meetings.

#### Land Use Housing and Development:

##### *Planning*

- At the Planning Board's August 14 meeting, the Planning Board will hold continued public hearings on the village overlay district applications for [89 Bedford Street](#) and [5-7 Piper Road](#).

# THE PATH TO LIBERTY

The Battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775

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This memorial to the 250th anniversary of the Battle of Lexington commemorates *"the first shot"* of the American Revolution.

**How do we tell the story of the Battle of Lexington? This is a story of courage.**

This memorial is an allegorical garden, a sculptural reenactment to convey the bravery and vulnerability of the American patriots when they confronted the overwhelming force of the British Army Regulars.

We travel in time as we travel in space. Visitors start at the historic landscape with Battle Green, the Buckman Tavern and the Minuteman statue. Across Massachusetts Avenue, they walk up a low ramp, slightly regraded to eliminate steps and make it handicapped accessible, and reach a new plaza.

This plaza features the flag of the Sons of Liberty, with 13 parallel red and white stripes, one for each colony. The stripes establish the proportions of the whole composition. The design also recalls the footprint of the Katherine Harrington House that stood on the site; it was torn down in 1971 to create a public entrance to Belfry Hill.

Visitors encounter a vast array of steel pipes in geometric battle formation, they represent the actors in this historic drama. To the south, Major Pitcairn leads the advancing British line, 250 red coats that formed four companies. To the north, Captain John Parker leads his small militia in blue. The patriots' names will be engraved in each blue pole; eight militiamen in silver represent those killed in action. Walking beyond the memorial, the path leads up the hill to the replica of the Belfry and the bells that called the minutemen to action.

This is a didactic space to learn the history, honor the heroes, and reflect on the meaning of liberty and sacrifice. This new experiential place welcomes citizens and visitors, classes and tours, throughout the year and the seasons. An open book will tell these stories; it will include braille and a QR code linking to other languages and websites with more information.

This memorial is environmentally responsive throughout the day and the seasons. It will be reflected in the rain, contrast to the bright snow, softly disappear in a fog, it may weep with the early morning dew, and sing with the wind. It responds to nature to marry place and meaning.

**The Battle of Lexington's message of liberty is indivisible, timeless, and universal.**

# IN MEMORIAM

<https://www.lexingtonminutemen.com/captain-parkers-company-of-militia.html>

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1. Capt. John Parker
2. Lt. William Tidd
3. Ensign Robert Munroe
4. Ensign Joseph Simonds
5. Clerk Daniel Harrington
6. Orderly Sgt. William Munroe
7. Sgt. Francis Brown
8. Cpl. John Munroe
9. Cpl. Samuel Sanderson
10. Cpl. Ebenezer Parker
11. Cpl. Joel Viles
12. William Diamond, Drummer
13. Jonathan Harrington, Fifer
14. Jacob Bacon
15. Timothy Blodgett
16. Ebenezer Bowman
17. Thaddeus Bowman, Esq.
18. John Bridge, Jr.
19. James Brown
20. John Brown
21. Solomon Brown
22. John Chandler
23. John Chandler, Jr.
24. Joseph Comee
25. Robert Douglass (Woburn)
26. Isaac Durant
27. Joseph Estabrook
28. Prince Estabrook
29. Nathaniel Farmer
30. Isaac Green
31. William Grimes
32. Samuel Hadley
33. Thomas Hadley, Jr.
34. Micah Hagar
35. Caleb Harrington
36. Daniel Harrington
37. John Harrington

38. Jonathan Harrington Jr.
39. Moses Harrington, 3rd.
40. Moses Harrington Jr.
41. Thaddeus Harrington
42. Thomas Harrington
43. Isaac Hastings
44. Samuel Hastings Jr
45. Samuel Hastings Sr
46. John Hosmer
47. Amos Locke (Woburn)
48. Benjamin Locke
49. Ebenezer Locke (Woburn)
50. Reuben Locke
51. Abner Meade
52. Nathaniel Mulliken
53. Ebenezer Munroe, Jr.
54. Edmund Munroe
55. Jedediah Munroe
56. John Munroe, Jr.
57. Nathan Munroe
58. Stephen Munroe
59. William Monroe, 3rd
60. Isaac Muzzey
61. John Muzzey
62. Jonas Parker
63. Jonas Parker, Jr.
64. Nathaniel Parkhurst
65. Solomon Pierce
66. Joshua Reed
67. Joshua Reed, Jr.
68. Nathan Reed
69. John Robbins
70. Phillip Russell
71. Benjamin Sampson
72. Elijah Sanderson
73. Joshua Simonds
74. John Smith

75. Phineas Smith
76. Simeon Snow
77. Phineas Stearns
78. Jonas Stone, Jr.
79. John Tidd
80. Samuel Tidd
81. Joseph Underwood
82. Benjamin Wellington
83. Enoch Wellington
84. Timothy Wellington Jr.
85. John Winship
86. Thomas Winship
87. Sylvanus Wood (Woburn)
88. James Wyman
89. Nathaniel Wyman

Killed in action.

1. Ensign Robert Munroe
2. Isaac Muzzy
3. Samuel Hadley
4. John Brown
5. Jonas Parker
6. Jonathan Harrington
7. Caleb Harrington
8. Asahel Porter

Wounded:

1. John Robbins
2. Solomon Pierce
3. John Tidd
4. Joseph Comee,
5. Ebenezer Munroe Jr.
6. Thomas Winship
7. Nathaniel Farmer
8. Prince Estabrook
9. Jedediah Munroe

# SPECIFICATIONS

Materials and labor locally sourced.

## MEMORIAL:

Steel pipes w/caps 2" O.D. X 6' above grade' (2 at the plaza are 8' above grade, all 2' below grade)  
Powder-coated: red: 250, blue: 90 (10 extra total: 5 of each color for future maintenance).

## PLAZA:

Brick pavers: 252 sq ft.  
Stonedust (a stabilized crushed granite paving compacted for ADA access).  
gray granite pavers 216 sq. ft. (match Town of Lexington standards).

## BENCHES:

Backless benches: 3 new ones similar to the ones on Clarke Street.  
<https://windsortekfurniture.com/oxford-backless-teak-bench-3-seater>  
Benches with backs Memorial benches relocated closer to the entrance.

FOUNDATIONS (contingent on soil borings and structural engineering).

2' of the pipes set in 3' deep PVC filled with concrete.



New backless benches -typical granite paver.



Typical benches with backs and arm rests.



# ARTIST STATEMENT

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Landscapes tell stories; my art celebrates sites of joy and courage and brings light to sites of sorrow.

As a child of the Cuban Revolution, growing up under Communism, I experienced intimately the distinction between a chaotic populist rebellion, and the wisdom and success of the American Revolution's foundation of liberty. As a citizen, I believe in the duty of every generation to remember and recommit to the founding principles of our Republic, as stated in the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and to work towards "a more perfect Union" (Lincoln). As an artist, I believe in the power of art and memory to bring us together and build community and solidarity.

Over the past few years, this faith and these values led me to contribute to public commemorative projects here and abroad. For the sake of freedom, I contributed "Constellations", a memorial to Euro-Maidan; for the sake of justice, I contributed "Yahrtzeit Candles", a memorial to Holocaust victims in Babyn Yar; these two award-winning projects are in Kyiv, Ukraine and led to a commission for another Holocaust site in Sambir, in Lviv Oblast. For the sake of compassion, my latest project, "Circles of Memory" will be a new COVID-19 Memorial in Fairfax, Virginia.

I believe art and memory can bring transformation and renewal, knowledge of our shared past, and nurture faith in a common future. These civic actions bind people to places and affirm life and love.

## CREDITS

Miriam Gusevich,	Artist and project director, GM2Studio.
Larry Borins,	Project manager
Gonz Elias,	Digital model, and animation.

Lin-Manuel Miranda, music, lyrics, book:  
Hamilton, "My shot" and "Yorktown". c. 2015.

Many thanks to:

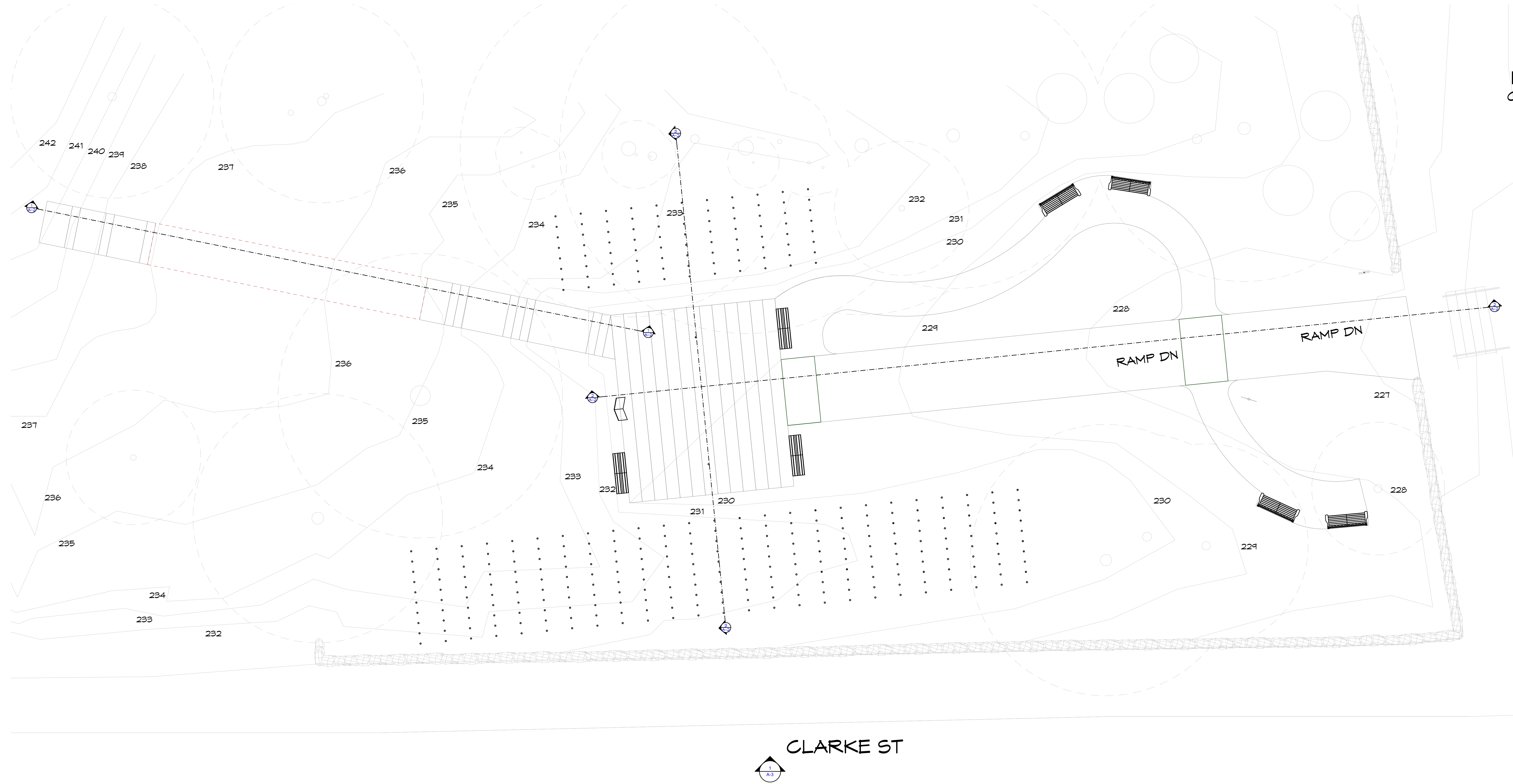
Lex250 Commission  
The Town of Lexington,  
its dedicated staff,  
and all the citizens of Lexington.

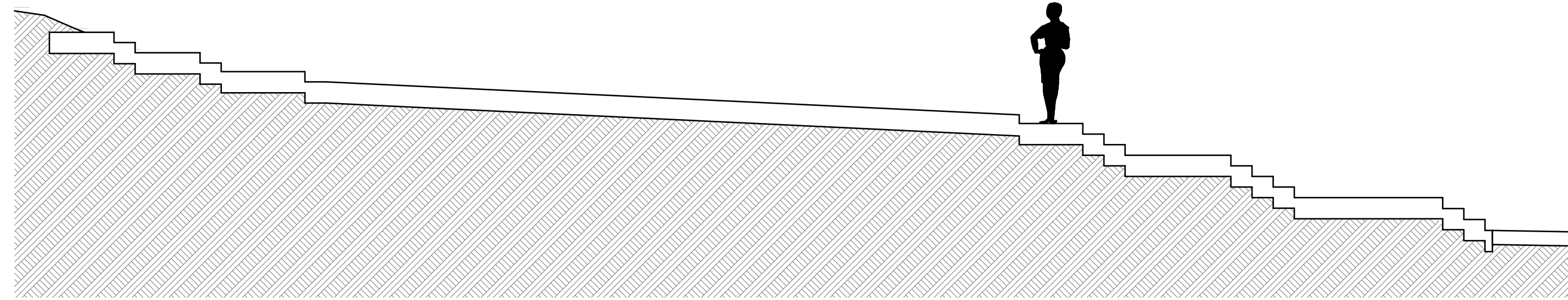
# BUDGET PROPOSAL

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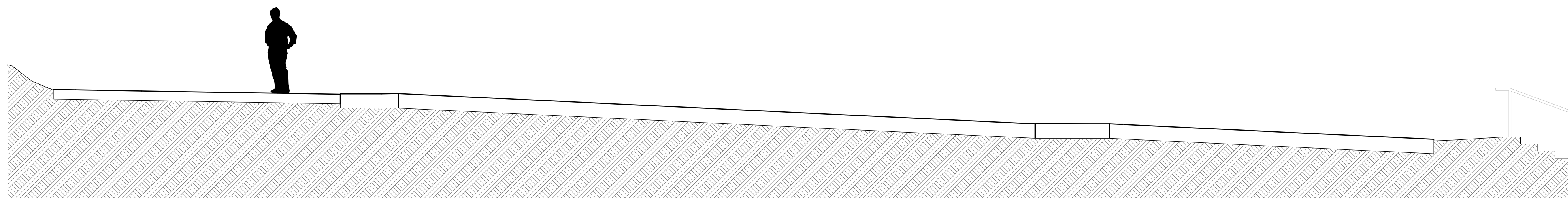
DESCRIPTION	AMMOUNT
Artist Design and Project Management Fee	\$ 50,000.00
Overhead or Workspace Rental	N/A
Engagement Expenses (included in artists' fee above)	\$10,000.00
Materials and Supplies (steel pipes and paving).	\$30,000.00
Fabrication (and powder coating)	\$40,000.00
Transportation	\$7,000.00
Installation of artwork (and equipment rentals)	\$50,000.00
Insurance / legal	\$10,000.00
Professional Consultant Fees (for construction drawings and engineer approval)	\$10,000.00
Documentation of Artwork	\$3,000.00
Promotion and Communication	\$5,000.00
Maintenance	\$10,000.00
BUDGET SUBTOTAL	\$225,000.00
Contingency (10%)	\$25,000.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>



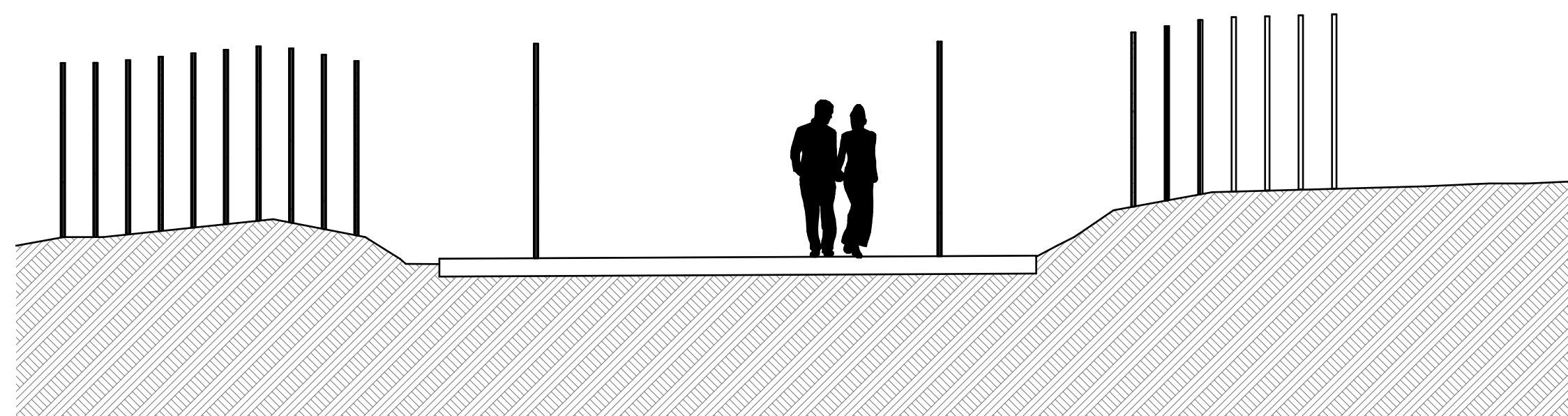




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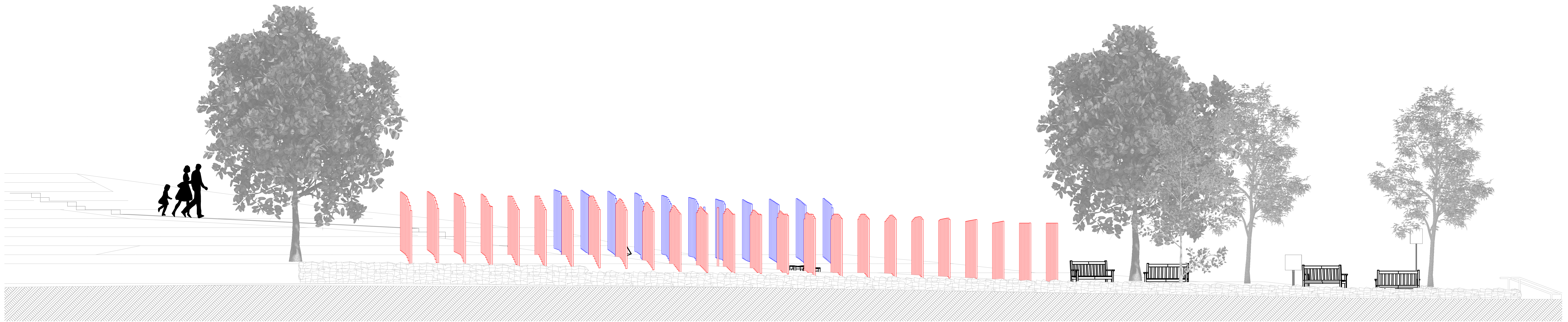


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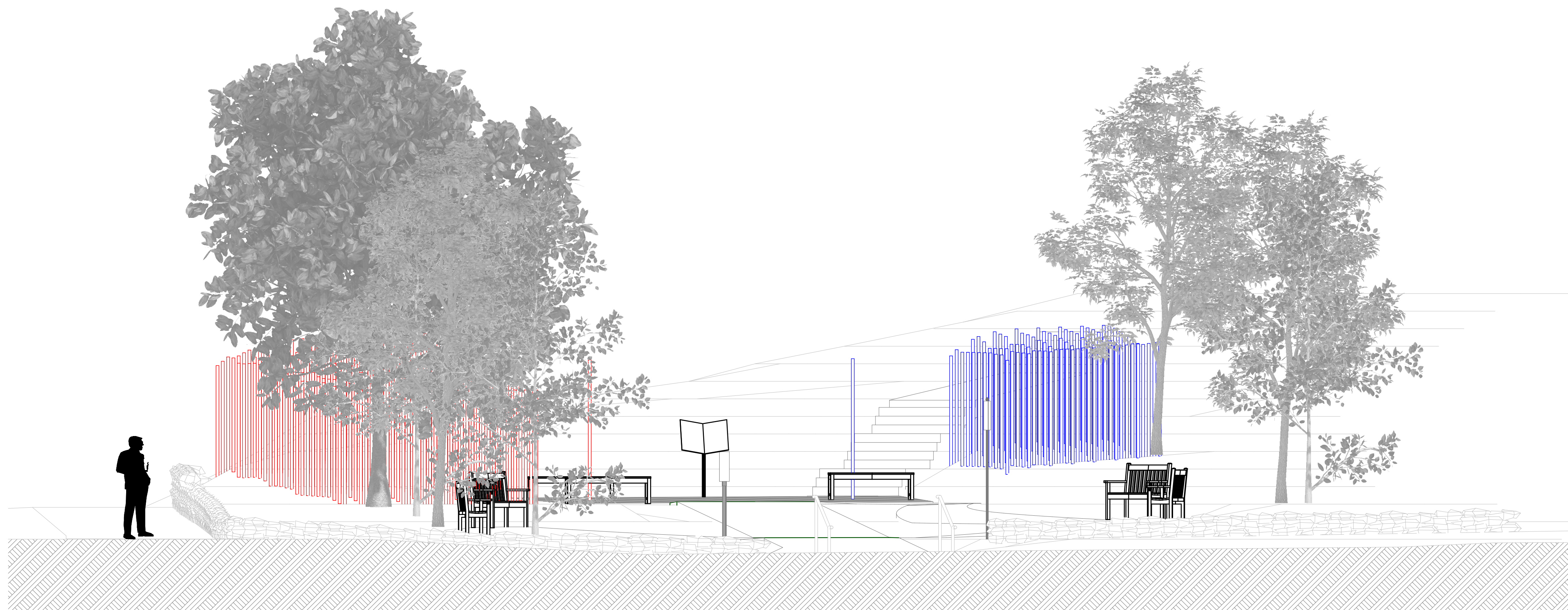


3 SECTION  
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1 CLARKE ST. ELEVATION  
SCALE: 1" = 5'



2 MASSACHUSETTS AVE  
SCALE: 1/4" = 1'-0"



## Agenda Tracker

ITEM NAME	PROPOSED DATE	MINUTES	Item #	Description
Summit - Select Board, AC, CEC, SB, SBC, Recreation	15-Aug-24	120	1	Use Webinar ID 897 6992 0023 Passcode 211115 for Agenda Posting Remote Participation to discuss whether a pool and new fieldhouse should be included in the LHS Project
Approve Battle Green Use Request - Historical Society Lafayette Returns Event	19-Aug-24	0	0	Needs BG application  Lafayette Returns Event (September 2nd 9am to 2pm, 9:00 am Set up of chairs, an arch, and flags around the Battle Green 11:00 am Rehearsal with all participants 1:00 pm Event begins, 2:00 pm Use of Battle Green concludes
Approve Request from Friends of the Bikeway to Place Signage on Minuteman Bikeway for Bikeway Block Party Event	19-Aug-24	0	0	Friend of Lexington Bikeway request to place signs for 2weeks on bikeway leading up the date of the Bikeway Block Party event
Approve Battle Green Permit/Road Closure Request - & Road Closure – Parkers Prelude	19-Aug-24	0	0	Sept 21, 11a-2p
Exemption 2: Preparation for Negotiations with Nonunion Personnel - New Town Manager	19-Aug-24	30	1	Preliminary discussion re: Town Manager contract
Town Manager Finalist Interviews	28-Aug-24	180	1	holding 9am - 7pm
Discussion of East Lexington Fire Station Options	9-Sep-24	45	-1	To discuss potential locations which may require real estate acquisition under Exemption 6.
Update on the Solar Canopy Project at the Police Station	9-Sep-24	30	1	Mike Cronin has been working with the architect, contractors and Sustainable Lexington on the overall cost and plan for the solar canopies with the goal of bringing the cost within the appropriation approved by Town Meeting. This is an update to the Select Board on the status of the project.

Fletcher Park Discussion	9-Sep-24	15	2	Discussion on vehicle use of Fletcher park and vision for future uses. Food trucks, farmers market vendors, etc driving on Fletcher park when back online. Work session topic.
<b>PLACEHOLDER</b> - Discuss Reporting Structure for Planning of Lex250 Events - Town Celebration Committee	9-Sep-24	10	3	6/20 request from S. Barry
Approve Conduct and Decorum for Public Meetings Policy	9-Sep-24	5	4	
Affordable Housing Trust RFP Review	9-Sep-24	30	5	Request from Carol? or Housing Trust?
Review and Approve Draft Select Board Report for FY24 Annual Town Report	9-Sep-24	10	6	Review of the Select Board's annual report for FY24
Town Meeting Article Submission Timeline Policy	9-Sep-24	15	7	
Special Town Meeting Draft Article List Review	9-Sep-24	5	8	Kelly will present draft article list for potential Special Town Meeting
Discussion on the 250th Monument at Belfry Park	9-Sep-24	20	9	This will be a review of the design provided to the Select Board on 8/9 for the 250th monument at Belfry Park
Busa Farm Conservation Restriction	9-Sep-24	5		
<b>PLACEHOLDER</b> - Dissolve Ad Hoc Transportation Committee	23-Sep-24	0	0	Recommendations made at 10/2 meeting (outstanding minutes need to be turned into the TCO -- Deepika to complete over the summer)
Approve and Sign Proclamations - Domestic Violence Awareness Month; Dyslexia Awareness Month	23-Sep-24	0	0	Annual proclamations recognizing the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Dyslexia Awareness Month
Select Board Committee Reappointments	23-Sep-24	0	0	These are Select Board reappointments
Town Counsel Discussion on Attorney General Determinations	23-Sep-24	15	1	

<b>Update on Lead and Copper Program</b>	23-Sep-24	15	2	This is an update to
<b>Bond Issuance - BAN's</b>	23-Sep-24	10	3	Carolyn indicated she will need to issue Bond Anticipation Notes before the end of September for ongoing projects.
<b>Update on the High School Project</b>	23-Sep-24	10	4	This would be an ongoing monthly update on the high school project from Joe Pato and Carolyn Kosnoff as per the Select Board request for regular updates.
<b>Review and Approve the 250th Monument at Belfry Park</b>	23-Sep-24	20	5	This is a request to approve the design provided to the Select Board for the 250th monument at Belfry Park
<b>Select Board to call Special Town Meeting 2024-1 and review Special Town Meeting 2024-1 DRAFT Warrant</b>	23-Sep-24	5	6	Special Town Meeting 2024-1 will be called on 9/23 and draft warrant (without Citizen petitions) will be reviewed. Proposed dates for Special Town Meeting-1 is November 12, 13 and 14 10/2 at 1pm Citizen petitions deadline 10/4 Final warrant to be signed by Select Board