

## Dianne Boisvert

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**Subject:** FW: [Ext]Re: [Ext]Fwd: 10 Auburn Street Front Yard garden structure

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**From:** Charles Griffin [<mailto:CGriffin@ega.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 8:57 AM  
**To:** Katelyn E. Sullivan  
**Subject:** [Ext]Re: [Ext]Fwd: 10 Auburn Street Front Yard garden structure

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“Katelyn,

Status of the pergola:

Two low foundation Granite blocks that come from a 200 year old mill and are finished with a bush hammered finish matching the GAOL stonework and quoins of the keepers house have been placed on the ground. They provide a solid 16” high “foundation” for the iron columns that be inserted into them. So no in ground foundations are needed.

The iron 1 1/8” diameter iron posts from the 1899 addition to the GAOL work will support square lattice panels between them. Vines will be planted below the panels so that during the summer the area behind the lattice will have a degree of privacy from the street. In the fall winter and spring there will be no privacy.

The width of the granite blocks are wide enough to provide a seat.

The iron columns are being made and should be installed in February.

Part of the lawn roughly 11’X13’ behind

the lattice has been compacted in granite chips to receive square grey granite pavers cut from three slabs of Norwegian black granite. The unpolished back sides of these “pavers” will be used to be non slip as the surface is outdoors. Between the granite squares is a 5” wide space that will be filled with a light yellow stone from Italy .

The patio created will be used by a table and chairs.

Horizontally overhead at the Granite wall

Will be a small steel pieces, maybe 1/2” by 1” spanning to the alignment of the southwest Keepers house wall to the southernmost post of the loggia and rest on a small beam spanning to the Keepers house. This open “roof” can contain the grill , hopefully out of sight from Auburn street.

The rest of the surface area will be turned to flower garden or remain turf.

The PR rests somewhere between the State and Nick Cracknell.

The work on the GAOL and the Addition to the GAOL is mostly complete and to my knowledge it is fully in agreement to what we all agreed to last year.

The trench installed for utilities last year continues to subside and will need filling and seeding in the spring.

I see that I am part of a discussion on the garden structure . Is this correct?

Will I and future owners of these properties be required to get permission to build garden structures?

We both need clarity on this.

We agreed to “ protect “ the Granite walls and the masonry openings pattern in those walls. In addition the roof forms were generally “ protected”.

I need to be careful as to what is expected of the future owners here and their relationship to the City thru you

in the NHC.

That said I am proud of what we achieved here together so if you have questions of me I'll be responsive and meet whenever you wish.

Best,  
Chuck Griffin

Sent from my iPhone