



Sandwich 375

Mill Creek Park Project

Plants:

Hydrangea

- 1 Quercifolia "Gatsby" G
- 2 Quercifolia "Ruby Slippers" R
- 4 Paniculata "Little Lime" LL
- 4 Paniculata "Little Quick Fire" L

Winterberry W

- 4 Female
- 2 Male

3 Clethra Alnifolia C

2 Dexter Rhododendrons D

2 Flowering Trees F

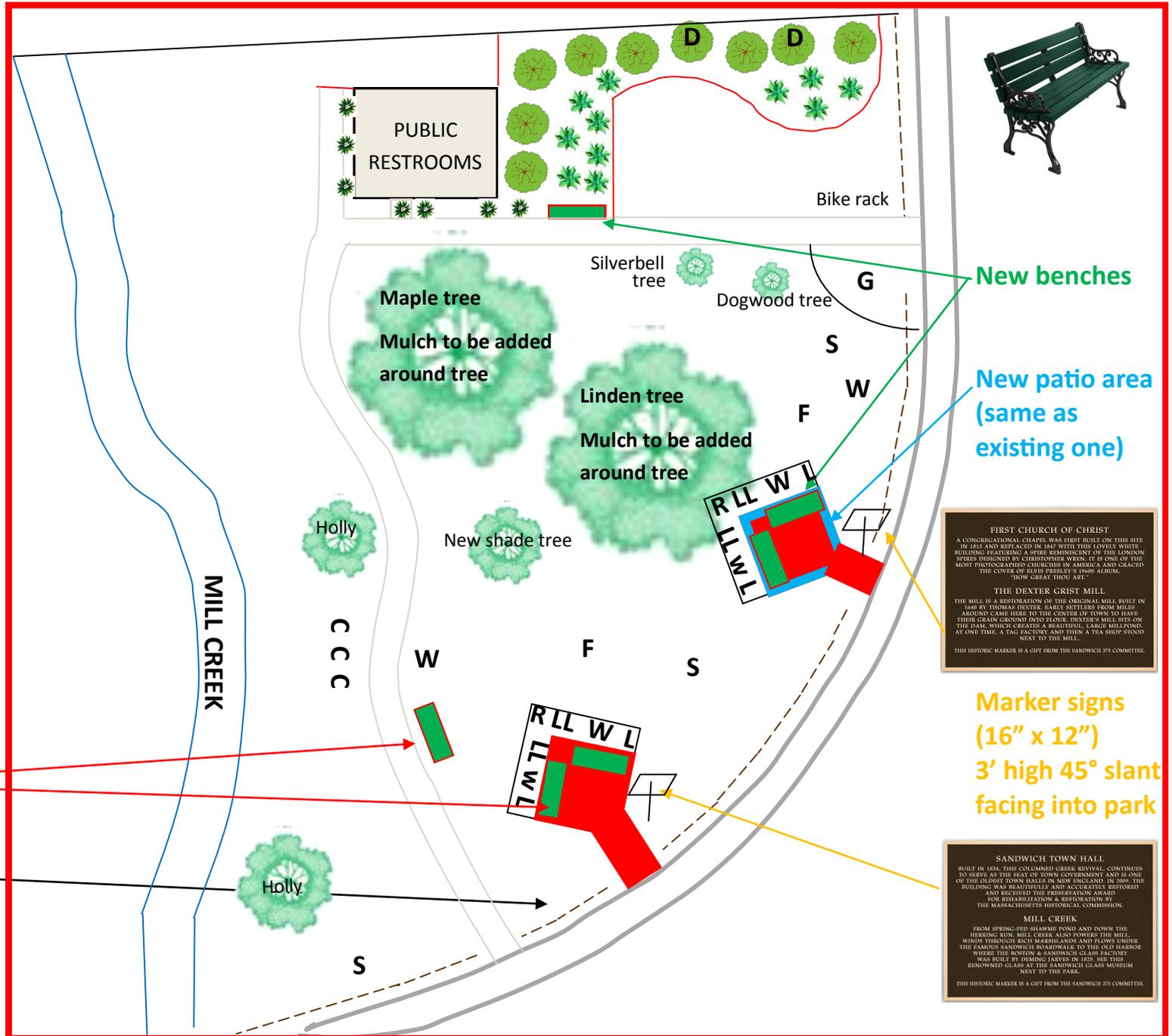
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Hardscape:

Replace old benches
With new benches



Add name of park to top of Town Crier sign as agreed to by Kaethe Maguire



New benches

New patio area (same as existing one)

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Marker signs (16" x 12")
3' high 45° slant facing into park

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Mill Creek Park Plants

Introduction

Mary Bowker, president of the Sandwich Garden Club and Donna and Jeff Kutil of Scenic Roots have selected Hydrangeas, Summer sweet and Winterberry plants for their disease and pest resistance, heat tolerance, and ready adaptation to different soil types as well as their beauty spring through fall when Mill Creek Park is most used by visitors and the community.

Given most of the park is in shade during the growing season, the tree cover is expected to change with the removal of existing Norway maples. The Tree Warden and Eversource have selected three *Stewartia* and two flowering trees to replace them. *Stewartia* trees are slow-growing, all-season performers that show off fresh green leaves in the spring, white flowers resembling single camellias in summer, colorful foliage in the autumn, and exfoliating bark in the winter that creates a beautiful spectacle after leaves fall. A watering system for these trees installed and maintained by the Town, will also benefit our newly planted plants as they are all in close proximity. In a few years, both the trees and new plantings will be established and no further water maintenance will be required.

Planting will be done under the direction of Mary Bowker by volunteers from the Sandwich Chamber of Commerce. The soil will be enriched to ensure successful planting and growth. The majority of the plants, the Hydrangeas and female Winterberry bushes, will be planted behind the seating areas in 3-ft. wide beds. This will afford a slight separation between the benches, which face away from the park, and the park itself, without forming a barrier. This “illusion of seclusion” makes for a comfortable area in which visitors can rest either while exploring the village, enjoying the view, or participating in a park event.

The Sandwich Garden Club has long maintained the garden area to the right of the Rest Room building. Club members expect to maintain the shade-tolerant plants already there and to add three shade-tolerant Hydrangeas to compliment the new plantings in the rest of the park. These plantings are provided at no purchase and maintenance costs to the town. The Garden Club is considering *H. macrophylla* “Blushing Bride,” “Fuji Waterfall,” or “Mathilda Gutges,” depending upon availability. Also, the Sandwich 375 Committee will add two Dexter Rhododendrons to this area which will be maintained by the Garden Club.

The challenge of planting in the park is significant due to the present lack of water, deep shade, the condition of the soil and long-term maintenance. But we believe with the choices of plants, short-term irrigation, enriched plant soil and removal of trees, these plants have an excellent opportunity to thrive and be enjoyed.

New Plant Material

All plants will be planted under the direction of Mary Bowker, using the correct soil. Trees and new planting areas will be mulched.

Location: Patio Areas

Hydrangea Paniculata “Little Lime”: Large blooms start jade green and then progress to creamy white, and then take on shades of burgundy, pink and red.

Hydrangea Paniculata “Little Quick Fire”: Large conical flower clusters open pure white and quickly change to red. They are compact, 3 to 5 feet tall, low maintenance, no winter protection, full or partial sun, and require consistent watering until established.

Winterberry (*Ilex Verticillata*) “Winter Red” and “Jim Dandy”: A holly native to the eastern United States provides contrast to the blooming Hydrangeas with green glossy leaves and bright red berries for winter interest. Dioecious, male and female plants are required for berry production. They are native to the area.

Hydrangea Quercifolia “Ruby Slippers” and “Gatsby Moon”: Oak leaf hydrangeas hardy plants give impressive conical blooms in summer and outstanding rusty red foliage in fall. They are compact, growth to 4 feet, and native to the U.S.

Location: On opposite side of walkway from the Lion’s Bench

Summer sweet (*Clethra Alnifolia*) “Hummingbird” or “Tom’s Compact”: Deciduous shrub, with a profusion of white flower spikes that attract butterflies. Summer sweet has white spikey blooms in summer, green leathery leaves in fall and interesting twig structure in spring and winter. It tolerates clay soil, native, full and partial shade, compact, and grows 3 to 4 feet tall.

Location: Fence line to right of restroom building

Dexter Rhododendron: Charles Dexter produced this very hardy hybrid characterized by dense foliage, large stature and flowers of superior size and color. Between 1921 and 1943 he carried on a massive breeding program at his 76-acre estate in Sandwich, Massachusetts (now known as Heritage Museums and Gardens). Therefore, it is very fitting that the park has Dexter Rhododendrons in it.

Bloom Season



Forsythia (Yellow)
March - May



Daffodils (Yellow)
April - May



Summer sweet (White)
May - June



Dexter Rhododendron (Pink)
May - June



Winterberry (White)
May - June



Little Lime Hydrangea
(Green & White)
May - June



Little Quick Fire Hydrangea
(Light Pink)
May - June



Stage 1



Gatsby Moon
Hydrangea
(White)
June - August



Stage 2

Little Lime
Hydrangea
(Pink)
Sept. - Nov.



Little Quick Fire
Hydrangea
(Dark Pink)
Sept. - Nov.



Ruby Slippers
Hydrangea
(Pink with Red Leaves)
Sept. - Nov.



Stage 3

Gatsby Moon
Hydrangea
(Red Leaves)
Sept. - Nov.



Winterberry
(Red Berries)
Sept. - March



Ruby Slippers Hydrangea
(White to Pink) June - August

Proposed Layout for Both Patios

Ruby Slippers Hydrangea

Little Lime Hydrangea

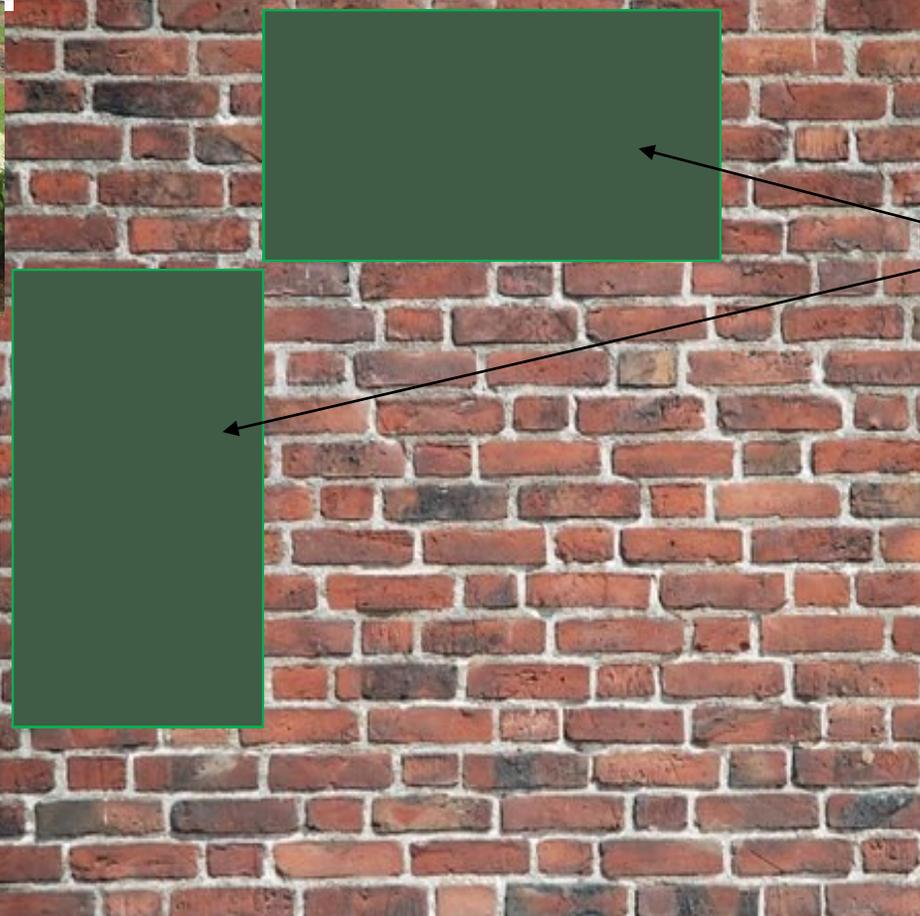
Winterberry

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Winterberry



Little Quick Fire Hydrangea



Proposed New Patio Installation

BJ's Lawncare & Landscaping, Inc.

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Sandwich 375 Committee
Attn: Cindy Russell
6 Water St.
Sandwich, Ma. 02563

April 6, 2016

First of all, we want to thank you for considering BJ's Lawncare & Landscaping, Inc. for work to be done at Mill Creek Park. BJ's Lawncare & Landscaping, Inc. is committed to providing superior service and takes enormous pride in the work we do while maintaining the highest expectations for quality.

Patio Installation

This project will consist of designing and installing a brick patio that will be made up using city hall bricks, and will mimic existing one. First for this project we will excavate all appropriate areas, then determine and set proper grades and pitches for new patio area. Once this has been determined, we will install cobblestone edge, using medium cobblestones. Cobblestones will be set in mortar for added strength and durability. Next, we will deliver, spread, and compact approx. 3 tons of stone dust to create base and foundation for patio. Once grade has been set and determined properly, we will begin to lay bricks in a standard running bond pattern, which is what existing one is. Once all stones are properly installed, we will sweep polymeric sand into all joints, which will lock everything together and achieve a clean, finished look.

The total estimated cost of this project, including all labor and materials, is - __N/A__

*We will also install benches according to recommended specifications previously discussed.

As previously discussed BJ's Lawncare & Landscaping, Inc. stands behind all of our work 100% and expects nothing short of perfection. We take great pride in what we do and would be happy to furnish references upon request.

If you have any questions or thoughts, please do not hesitate to contact us!

Submitted Respectfully,

Daniel Kellogg
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Current Park Across from Town Hall





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Proposed Historic Signs

Colonial Brass, Taunton, MA

Many visitors walk through Town Hall Square and look at our beautiful buildings: First Church of Christ, the Grist Mill, and Town Hall. But other than seeing them, there is no signage telling them what they are and their significance to our history. Hence, we would like to install two cast bronze plaques, placed near each sitting area at an angle, that tell of the buildings. These signs can only be read from inside the park.

Therefore, we have chosen Colonial Brass from Taunton, MA to make our signs. Incorporated in 1917, Colonial Brass is a premier supplier of plaques and cast signage and has been chosen by the Marine Corps, U.S. Air Force, numerous towns, schools, sports group and more to make their signs. To learn about this company, please go to www.colonialbrass.com.

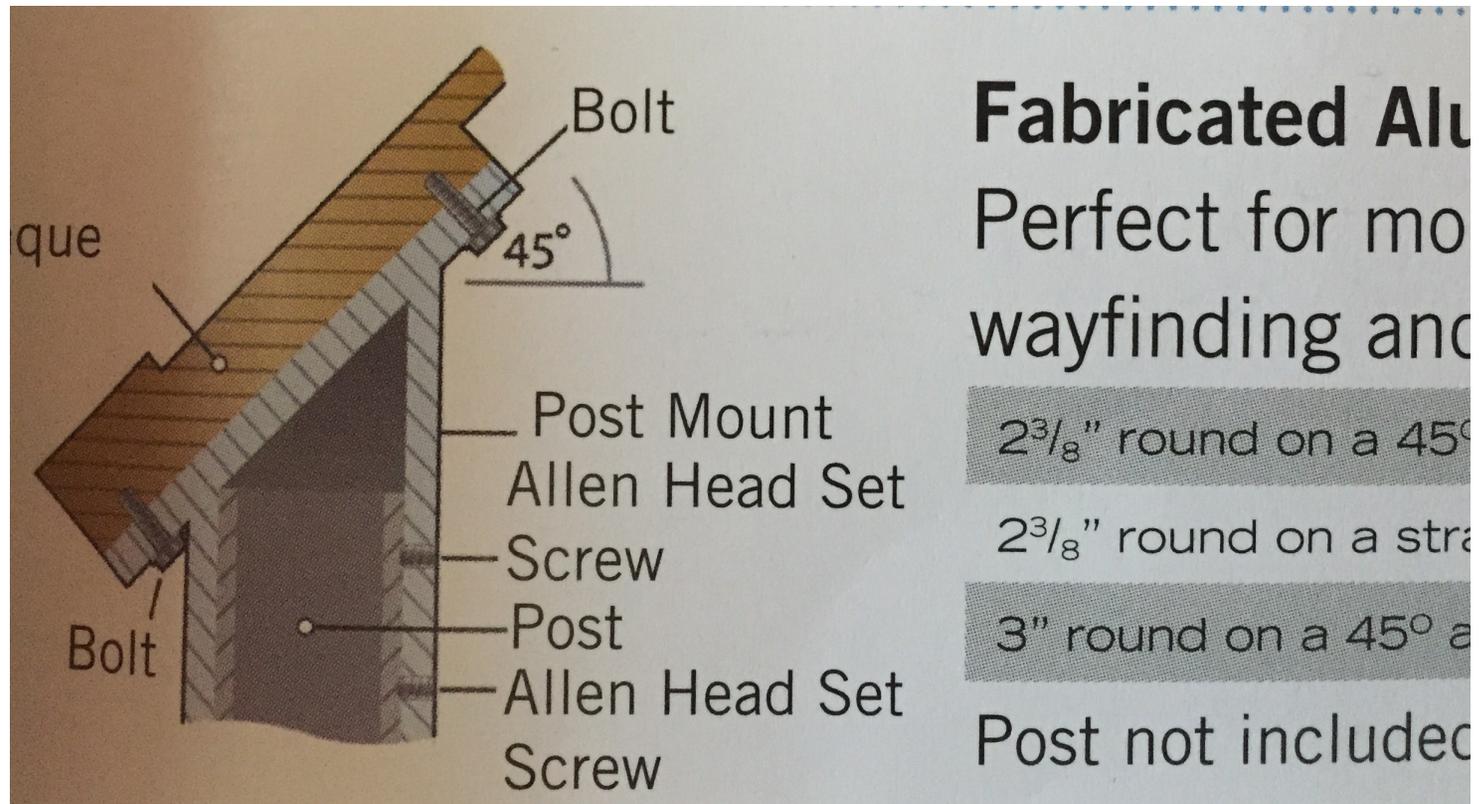
The plaques are 16" x 12", very low maintenance, made of cast bronze, lead free and will last as long as the steel supporting it. The finish coating typically lasts for many years in an outdoor setting and as it wears it will develop a green patina that adds to the beauty of the plaque. The plaque has a one year warranty on the finish coatings.

The plaques will be installed at a 45 degree angle on a 16-Gauge, 2-3/8 in. diameter galvanized tubular steel post. The galvanized heavier gauge material provides weather protection and long life. The post will be 5 ft. in length, with three feet above the ground and two feet in the ground. Installation will be done by BJ's Lawncare and Landscaping, Forestdale, MA.

The 45 degree angle was chosen for easier reading and ensuring low maintenance as very little will stick to the surface.

The text for the plaques was written by Don Bayley and Bill Daley, members of the Sandwich Historical Commission.

Proposed Historic Sign Installation

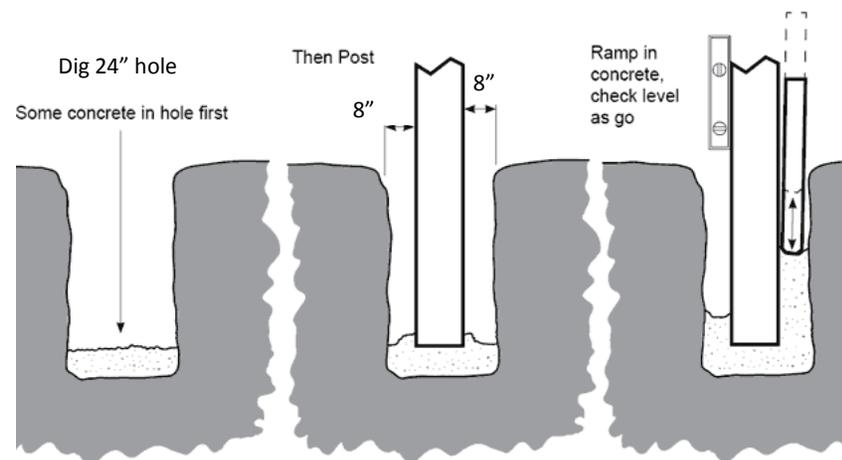


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Proposed New Benches

We will purchase six of these benches for:

1. Replace Lion's Bench. The Lion's voted and have given us their approval to replace their bench and cement pad. A brass plate will be installed on the bench with the same words on the existing bench.
2. Replace the two benches on the existing patio.
3. Install two benches on the new patio.
4. Install one new bench near the restroom, on the sidewalk.

Bench Installation as approved by DPW

Each bench will have concrete pads under the back two legs with a threaded rod in the center of the pad to set the bench foot onto. This way the feet can be bolted down and no one can tip over or move/remove the bench. A Sonotube will be used for the concrete pad and placed 18" deep.

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A name for the Park at 135 Main Street

135 Main Street has been privately owned from 1639 until 1963 when Town Meeting voted “to purchase a certain parcel of land located at Main Street, at Town Hall Square, owned by Manuel and Leona R. Jacinto for \$14,000.

Bill Daley and Don Bayley, members of the Sandwich Historical Commission, spent many hours researching the property in the archives and even spoke to Barbara Gill about the property. Their research found:

1. 1839 John Warner Barber drawing of Town Hall with historian Russell Lovell stating “This is the only view found showing the early Calvinistic chapel on the site of the present First Church of Christ. The smaller buildings in the left foreground are a blacksmith shop, the building (Spite Barn) that was to become part of the glass museum and lastly the Fred Bunker museum.

There is a story that Melatiah Bourne had a small barn near the Calvinistic chapel and made it a point to stir the animals when services were going on. This became known as “The Spite Barn” and part of town legend. This barn building was later moved across Main Street and then over the millstream and is incorporated into today’s Sandwich Glass Museum.

2. 1857 Sandwich Village Map shows the property to have a carriage shop.
3. 1880 Sandwich Village Map shows a shoe factory.
4. 1950 aerial view shows a garage.

Jonathan Shaw remembers a house and foundation there that were demolished. At one time, he visited that house - where some friends of his were living. “It was a tall, rather ugly and awkwardly sited house and it was a stroke of genius that the Town bought the lot.”

Bill and Don could not find a name for the park. Jonathan Shaw, Barbara Gill and John Cullity never remember a name being given for the park. Kaethe Maguire, Jonathan Shaw and John Cullity like the name Mill Creek Park and to quote Jonathan “The name Mill Creek Park is an appropriate and accurate name.” Kaethe has even agreed that the name could be written on the top of the Town Crier sign board.

Some may argue that it should be called Town Hall Park. However, Town Hall was not built until 1834 and the creek had been a vital component of the town for more than two centuries by the time the hall was built.

So why name the park “Mill Creek Park?” This name acknowledges the heritage and beauty of the area by recognizing the historic grist mill and the natural creek upon which the park is located. Mill Creek Park celebrates the historical fact that the Dexter Grist mill was able to operate because the water from the dammed up pond flowed into this creek. The mill was built in 1640 and it gave the farmers in this agricultural community the means to turn their corn crop into flour which provided sustenance for the population for more than 200 years.

From spring-fed Shawme Pond and down the herring run, Mill Creek also brought economic prosperity to Sandwich by powering many businesses such as the Tag Factory and the Shoe Factory. Today, it brings visitors to see it wind through rich marshland and flow under the famous Sandwich boardwalk to the Old Harbor where the Boston & Sandwich Glass Factory was built by Deming Jarves in 1825.

The name "Mill Creek" recognizes the importance of both the mill and the creek to the Sandwich residents and visitors for the past 375 years.