

Downtown Sidewalk Design & Aesthetics Study Committee



Review and improve the aesthetic beauty of Downtown Medfield

1. Sidewalks

Goal

To incorporate bricks into the streetscape to maintain the historic character of Downtown Medfield.

Vision

- To preserve existing solid brick areas in public/gathering spaces (Town Hall, Baxter Park, Gazebo Park, UU Church)
- The cross section of the sidewalk in other areas: Granite curbing with 2' widths of brick accent in a "basketweave" pattern (approximately 30% of the sidewalk width for sidewalks less than 6') > tree grates > variable widths (at least 4') of concrete
- Handicap accessibility is paramount. The above recommendation may be superseded if HC accessibility is not achievable.



2. Street Trees

Goal

To ensure future plantings are aesthetically pleasing with proper site analysis, site preparation, and tree selection. Prepare list of suitable street trees for the Downtown on the Town road layout as well as acceptable trees for private properties adjacent to the road layout.

Vision

Street trees should be upright, vase shape with ascending branch structure that can grow above the road and buildings and are easily upbranched in the future to maintain needed clearance and visibility. The trees should be as clean and litter free as possible as well as drought tolerant and as insect and disease free as possible. With all selections it is a series of compromises rather than 1 or 2 perfect trees.



Trees that can be considered with these attributes in mind:

- Ginkgo Biloba "Magyar"
- Gleditsia Triacanthos Inermis "Shademaster" or "Skyline" Honey Locust
- Gymnocladus Dioicus "Espresso" Kentucky Coffee Tree
- Ulmus Parviflora "Allee Emer II" Chinese Lacebark Elm
- Zelkova Serrata "Green Vase" or "Ogon"

For areas with overhead lines, consider an ornamental upright shorter growing tree:

- Crataegus viridis "Winter King"
- Parrotia persica "Vanessa"
- Syringa Reticulata "Ivory Silk" Japanese Tree Lilac
- Stewartia Pseudocamellia Japanese or Korean Stewartia

Tree Grates: #8854 Sunray 48"x48" Tree Grate and Frame Set with 16" Center Hole by EJ New England Branch in Brockton, MA (ejco.com)

3. Crosswalks

Goal

To supplement the historic character of Downtown Medfield and enhance visibility of crosswalks and increased pedestrian safety.

Vision

- Use a brick-patterned stamped concrete or alternative faux brick
 - Main Street / South Street intersection
 - Main Street / North Street / Pleasant Street
 - North Street / Janes Avenue
 - Main Street / Park Street
 - Main Street / Spring Street / North Meadows Road



For future consideration:

- Wayfinding signage
- Street lights
- Benches
- Public art
- Waste receptacles
- Planters