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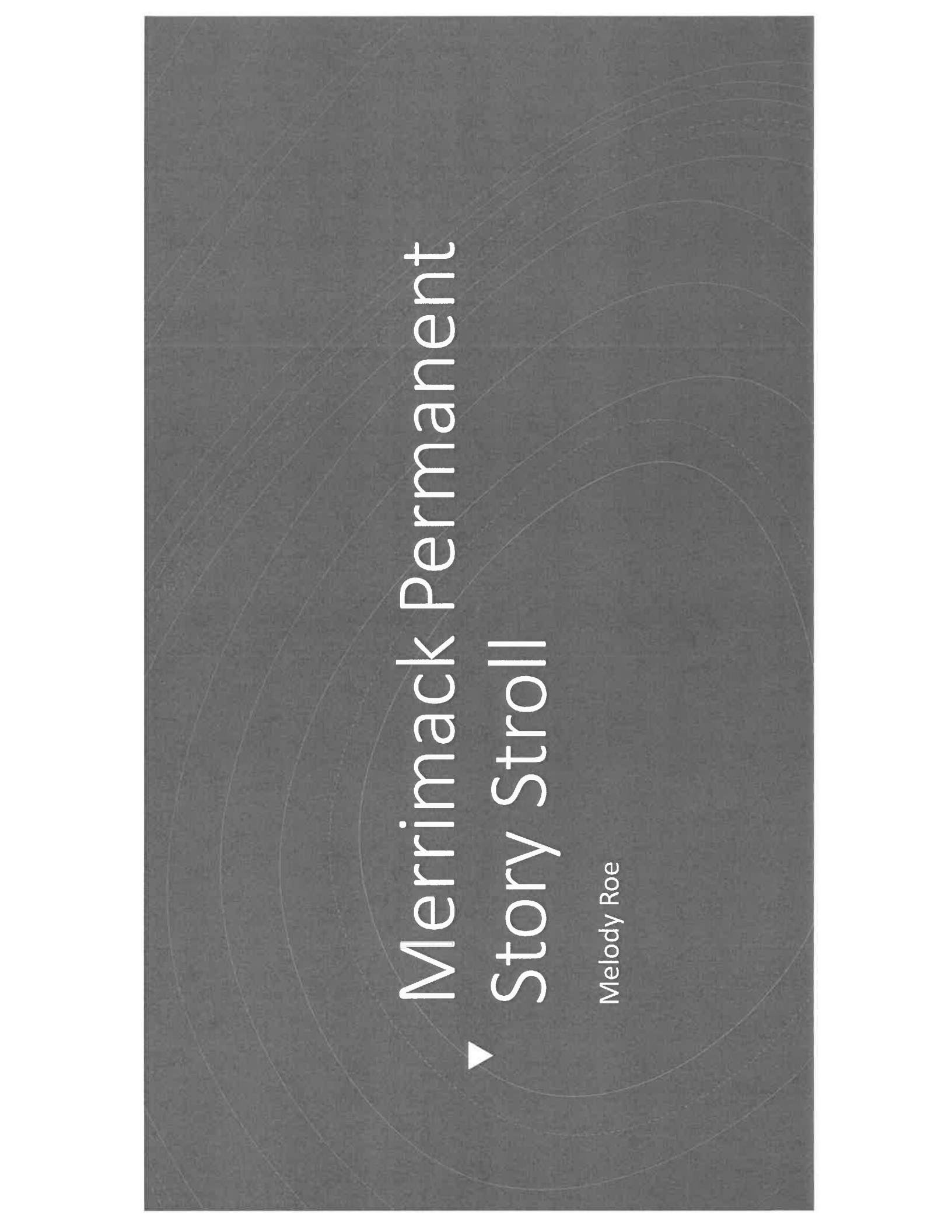
DATE: January 19, 2023

SUBJECT: Girl Scout – Gold Award Project at Veterans Park

Hi Paul,

Last night the Parks & Recreation Committee heard a presentation from Girl Scout Melody Roe from Troop 13912 who is looking to complete her Gold Award Project with the Town of Merrimack.

For her project, Melody is proposing to build a permanent story walk along the trails from the west entrance to Veterans Park. The library has done temporary story walks at various locations in Town and this project would build a permanent structure for the books to be displayed. The committee loved the idea and voted 8 – 0 in favor of recommending it to the Town Council for approval.

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Merrimack Permanent ▶ Story Stroll

Melody Roe



About Me

- Senior Girl Scout Troop 13912
- Gold Award
- Love to read
- Freshman at MHS

What is a Gold Award?

- Highest award
- 80 hours
- Help community
- Like a Boy Scouts Eagle Award



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What is a Story Stroll?

- way to enjoy reading and nature all in one
- laminated pages from childrens book attached to posts installed along trail
- As you stroll down trail, you can read the pages of the book in order
- Book selections usually include a story that involves movement, so children can "skip" or "hop" from one post to the next if the story page involves that action

Permanent Story stroll

- Veterans Memorial Park
- 18 posts – 20" apart along the trail
- Pressure treated wood for weather resistance
- Shade-friendly plants
- Library partnership
 - Rotating book choices approximately every three months

A picture from the website we are using to help us build the posts





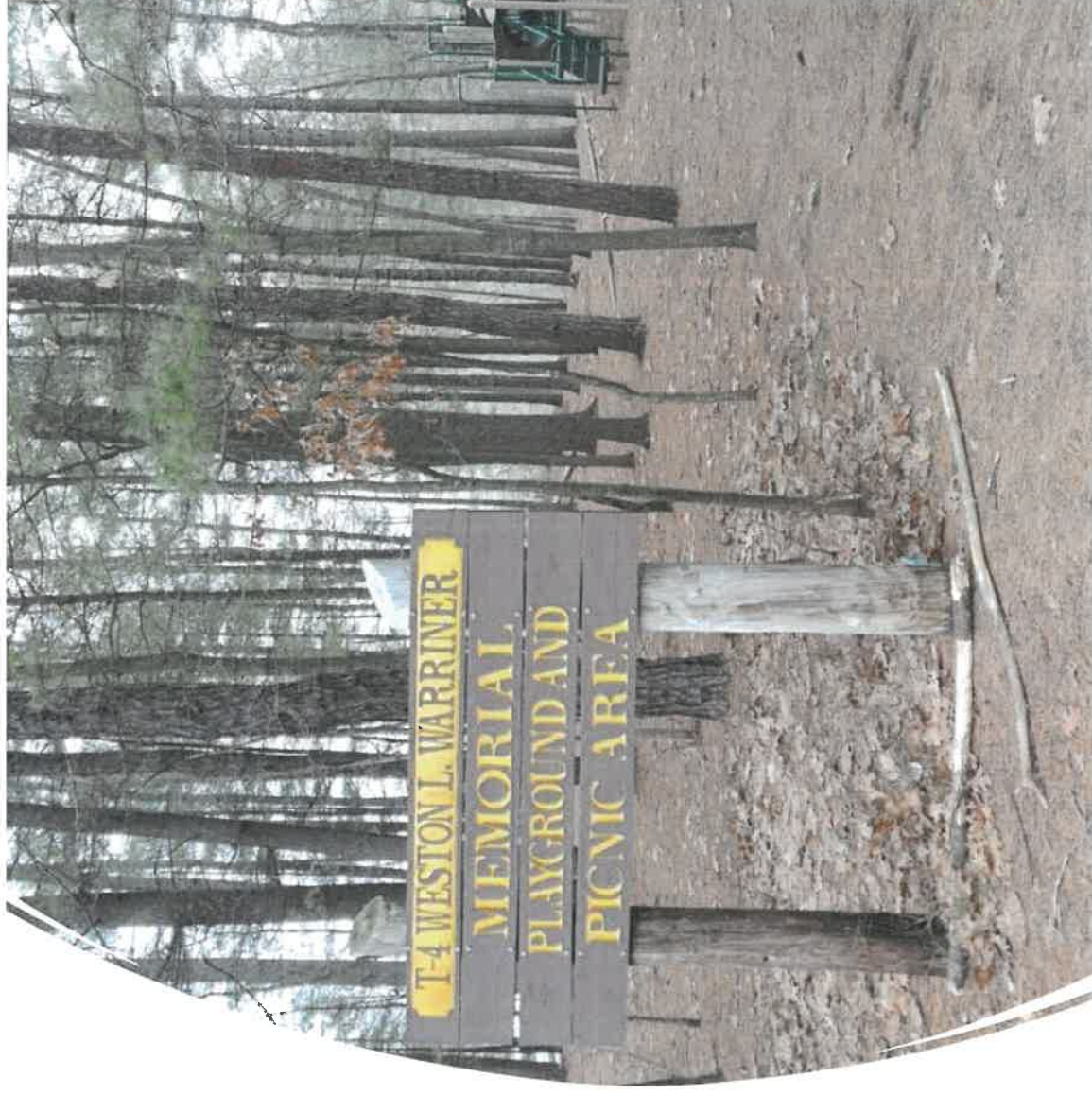
Location: Veterans Memorial Park

- west entrance
- trail begins behind playground
- Previous temporary Story Stroll by MPL



Benefits

- Time outdoors
- Develop reading skills
- Motivate families, specifically younger children, to visit park



Fundraising

- Local small buisnesses
- Sponsor a post
 - Plaque
- Ex. King Kone, Altitude, Broadway Bound
- Phil P. from the Merrimack Lions Club already sponsored my first post!



Cost: Total per post \$63.11

- (1) 24"x18" PET Sheet
- Currently \$33.99 for a pack of 5, so **\$6.80 each**
- (1) 4"x4" Adjustable Ground Spike
- Currently \$120 for 8 pack - **\$15 each** Currently \$60 for 4 pack - **\$15 each**
- (1) 4"x4"x5' PT post
- Currently **\$10 each**
- (1) 24"x18" PT Plywood Sign
- Currently \$25 for 2, **\$12.50 each**
- Pressure Treated wood for both the top of sign and underside
- \$5 for 2, so **\$2.50 each**
- Personalized Engraved Plaque with Name:
- **\$11 each**

Hardware:

- (3) rubber washers
 - \$10, so **.55 cents each**
- (3) carriage bolts
 - \$14 for box, so **.77 each**
 - (3) wingnuts
 - \$28 for box, so **\$1.55 each**
- 3" Pressure Treated Deck Screws
 - Currently \$11 each, we need 2 boxes, so **\$1.22 each**
- 1-1/2" Pressure Treated Deck Screws
 - Currently \$11 each, we need 2 boxes, so **\$1.22 each**

Timeline Estimate

- December- received Gold Award approval from council
- January- presented to parks and rec
- January- presenting to town council for approval
- February- Fundraising
- March/April- Finalize book choices; laminate pages
- Summer- build posts
- Late August- install posts; ribbon cutting ceremony



Thank you for listening, I will be happy to
answer any questions you might have

