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Storrs, Conn.,

June 11, 1917.

The meeting of the Trustees of the Connecticut Agricultural College was called to order at the College at 10:45. Mr. Hubbard was appointed Chairman.

Those also present were Messrs. Lyman, Henry and President Beach.

It was voted that Clifford I. Stoddard be appointed to serve on a committee to canvass the votes for alumni trustee.

It was voted to rescind the action of the Board of October 18, 1916 relative to the price of board at the Club as follows: "That the price of flat board be increased to \$4.20 per week beginning November 1st."

It was voted to accept the report of the meeting of the Executive Committee held on June 4th, as follows:

- 1. The accompanying report of the Consulting Landscape Architect, Charles W. Lowrie was received.

"New York, May 22, 1917.

Pres. Charles L. Beach

Connecticut Agricultural College

Storrs, Connecticut

My dear Sir:

As a result of my visit to Storrs yesterday I desire to report on the various questions taken under consideration as follows: DINING HALL---I made a careful examination of the ground with a view to the choosing of a suitable site for the proposed dining hall, in company also with Professor Wheeler. As a result of this I am satisfied that the general location as shown on my plan for the development of the college ground for this building is well suited. It would be necessary to locate the building centrally on the main axis of the proposed main group of buildings, and about as shown on the plan. Although it could be shifted forward or backward in the woods, as a matter of fact, ten or fifteen feet one way or another would make no material difference. This location has the advantage of being centrally placed with reference to the dormitory group and to the underground supply pipes for light and heat. It would also be very well placed in the event of the proposed railway line being carried up past the power house, thus providing a very accessible point of delivery for supplies.

The fact that this site is not unduly conspicuous has its advantages also, since such a building as this need not necessarily be treated with a great deal of architectural elaboration, thus economizing on exterior architectural detail.

INFIRMARY---The most desirable site for the proposed infirmary would seem to be in the wooded knoll to the southwesterly end of the lake, as shown on my revised plan which I am sending you. This building should be placed with its lines parallel to those of the existing dormitories, and wholly within the pine woodland about fifteen or twenty feet east of the existing partly underground structure, and about the same elevation as the existing ground.

This location would necessitate the removal of no trees of any importance, and a building of this long, low 1½ story character would not be unduly conspicuous. This location is unusually attractive from the point of view of the outlook over the pond, with the foreground of evergreen trees, which trees would give a cheerful setting, not only during the summer months, but also in the winter time. While reasonably

central so far as the convenience of the approach is concerned, it is yet somewhat aside from the general activities of the college, and this feeling would be accentuated by the fact of its being on higher ground than the adjoining driveways and paths, thus giving a desirable seclusion.

PROFESSOR'S COTTAGES---I made a careful examination of ground available for additional homes for Professors and Instructors. It is desirable that buildings of this kind be kept grouped in one section of the college property. The most available place seems to be that tract of ground west of the Athletic Fields. In this connection I have talked with your Mr. Fraser as a result of which on the score of economy of the construction, it would seem desirable to make a single roadway where my plan has previously shown a double roadway in front of the last four cottages, which will make available a little more ground for front yards for these houses, and also an increased area for the Athletic Fields, well suited for tennis courts. I will make a study of proposed additional house sites in this vicinity in relation to the surrounding roadways, athletic fields, etc., and make it a part of the general plan for the college development.

ARBORETUM---I also talked with various parties interested in the development of the tree growth for your Institution, and would recommend a systematic planting of trees with a view to their use as part of the college instruction. Such trees could be bought, if of small size, at a very small expense, and temporarily placed in nursery rows until the lines of roadways and paths throughout the college are sufficiently fixed to warrant their being planted in permanent locations, thus securing the nucleus for an arboretum. I would also recommend the judicious planting of trees around the new, permanent buildings, using for the most part native kinds, such as maples, elms, oaks, white pines, hemlocks, etc.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Charles N. Lowrie. "

2. It was voted to authorize the Superintendent of Buildings, employing local help, to erect Poultry Houses, approved by the Trustees, a shed for bulls and two four-stall garages.

It was voted that Mr. C. E. Lyman be appointed to represent the College at the annual meeting of the Gilbert & Bennett Manufacturing Co.

It was voted that Mr. C. E. Lyman present the diplomas at the Commencement Exercises, in behalf of the Trustees.

RECESS

The adjourned meeting was called to order at 2 p. m. in the President's Office.

Secretary King came in at this time.

Voted: that in the matter of awarding the contract for being the Well, the location and the determination of the depth, etc. be referred to the President and Professor Wheeler of the College with power.

Voted: that the matter of coal for the college be referred to President Beach and the Treasurer with power.

Voted: that the President be authorized to advertize for plans for cottages, an infirmary and a dining hall for the college.

Voted: that the secretary be instructed to call the annual meeting for Wednesday, July 11th at the College at 11 o'clock.

Meeting adjourned.

Attest:

O. F. King,

Secretary