

Norton Park Committee
December 11, 2019 – Regular Meeting
Town Hall – Room 1
127 Norwich Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Robert Misbach, Vice Chair Nan Wasniewski, Katherine Kosiba, Patrick Reading, Kevin Byrne, Alternates Julianna Cameron, Linda Pasternak.

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Selectman Denise Mizla, Director of Public Works Jim Paggioli, Andrew Norton, Jack Fairburn.

1. Call to Order

Chair Misbach called this meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Additions to Agenda

N. Wasniewski requested adding Publicity.

Motion by: K. Kosiba

to add Publicity at Item 7.1.8.

Second by: K. Byrne.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

K. Kosiba requested adding Park Components as Item 7.1.9.

Motion by: K. Byrne

to add Park Components as Item 7.1.9.

Second by: P. Reading.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion by: P. Reading

to approve the November 13, 2019, with corrections to the title of the Committee, it is Norton Park, note that Andrew Norton was present, not Jeremy Norton.

Second by: K. Byrne.

Vote: Unanimous to approve with corrections.

4. Citizens' Comments

Liaison D. Mizla said any publicity or fundraising ideas must be submitted to the Board of Selectmen for approval. Any donations are to be sent to Selectman's Office and checks made out to the Town of Colchester with notation of Norton Park.

5. Correspondence

A letter from Westchester Congregational Church with a \$100 donation in honor of N. Wasniewski was received.

6. List of mill artifacts at transfer station (Jim Paggioli)

J. Paggioli provided a list of the items – 12' long cedar joists, 8'-12' long wood beams, a hand crank machine and a pull behind road grader. It is hoped the joists and beams may be used to make benches and/or incorporated into the park in some way.

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7. New Business

7.1 Describe and select point persons for projects:

7.1.1 Outdoor museum

P. Reading will design the outdoor museum. N. Wasniewski offered to work on the history of the mill and the Norton family. L. Pasternak will help with the organization of information.

7.1.2 Educational signage

K. Kosiba has recently researched signs for the Cohen Woodlands project and offered to look into the signs for wildlife species in the area, historical information, and other appropriate educational signs.

7.1.3 Grants

K. Byrne will research grants for the project.

7.1.4 Fundraising

Ideas will be discussed at the next meeting.

7.1.5 Landscape designs

P. Reading will be point person with J. Cameron.

7.1.6 Email account

R. Misback will discuss setting up an email account with First Selectman Bylone and be the person to monitor the account.

7.1.7 Other

J. Cameron has a fundraising donor catalog from another town showing pictures of items needed with the cost of each. Donors have a choice of where their donation would be used. It is another useful idea for consideration.

7.1.8 Publicity

N. Wasniewski prepared an article for the newspaper to submit to the Selectmen for approval along with the picture taken on the day of the walk. N. Wasniewski will be the point person for publicity.

7.1.9 Park Components Inventory

P. Reading presented a design sketch with a pavilion, discussion followed regarding the size, use and materials, shelter for artifacts. There are bricks on site that could be used. Further discussion included the walls that will be kept for history and definition, river access, extending the parking, providing handicapped parking and access, trash receptacles vs “Carry in, Carry out” signs, directional signage, extension of the sidewalk on Route 149. A list will be composed of items to be considered.

7.2 Review of Brownstone Arch of Portland

K. Kosiba explained the construction and materials used to build the arch. A pavilion has been discussed for the park. This is an example of what could be done.

7.3 Grants

J. Paggioli suggested contacting the Planning and Zoning Department head for help with grants.

8. Citizens' Comments

Andrew Norton asked several questions and suggested a place in the park for a sample of the products made at the mill and to consider size of trees due to sight line issues on the corner. A. Norton said he saw a new type of parking space marker made of colored plastic that are inserted in areas like gravel lots where paint is not effective. K. Kosiba offered to research the markers.

9. Adjournment

Motion by: N. Wasniewski
to adjourn this Regular Meeting.

Second by: K. Byrne.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Misbach adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk