

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Byrne.

OTHERS PRESENT: Patricia Young, Andrew Norton, Sylvina Rollins, Jack Fairburn, Public Works Director Jim Paggioli, Board of Selectmen Liaison Denise Mizla.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Misbach called this meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

J. Cameron was seated as a voting member due to the absence of K. Byrne.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

N. Wasniewski requested adding discussion of a news release for publicity.

Motion by: N. Wasniewski

to approve Discussion of the Prepared News Release after Item 5.

Second by: K. Kosiba.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the June 10, 2020 meeting were submitted for approval.

K. Kosiba requested a clarification under Item 6 to read: The walking paths “*providing pedestrian access to the Jeremy River and to the Fish and Game Club only*” have been cleared and this committee’s plans should be ready to be implemented by October.

Motion by: K. Kosiba

to accept the minutes with the added clarification as above.

Second by: N. Wasniewski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

4. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

A. Norton stated he had looked into the Finley house that will be demolished and found a beehive oven and a dug well in the basement that he hoped might be preserved.

5. GUEST SPEAKER PATRICIA YOUNG

Patricia Young, Program Director at Eightmile and Salmon River Watersheds from Haddam CT, spoke about Colchester being unique in that the rivers come together here. The organization provides water and water temperature monitoring that is provided to the fisheries. The habitat in the stream has improved since removal of the dam. P. Young has maps that may be helpful to the committee and suggested looking into areas where small grants may be available, such as civic groups, banks, etc. To the question of a put-in for kayaks, it would have to meet all safety requirements.

DISCUSSION OF PREPARED NEWS RELEASE

N. Wasniewski has prepared a news release about the plans for the park and information for donations.

Motion by: N. Wasniewski

to approve the news release with suggested edits to go to the BOS for approval.

Second by: P. Reading.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

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6. CORRESPONDENCE

K. Kosiba noted that a \$100 donation has been received from Sylvina and Kevin Rollins. Donations and grants received now total over \$2,096.

7. STATUS UPDATE FROM JIM PAGGIOLI

At this time, J. Paggioli is waiting for the State's approval to go out to bid for the remediation contractor. The bridge construction is underway. Quotes for the demolition of the house should be in by Friday. Brush and weeds around the house have been trimmed.

J. Cameron asked for the inventory list of items stored from the original building. Plans were made to take pictures of the items to discuss how to possibly use the articles in the park.

8. FLYER/PARK AMENITIES

J. Cameron has made revisions to the proposed flyer. She has received quotes for granite and wood benches, picnic tables and cap stones. The flyer must be sent to the Board of Selectmen for approval. Several minor corrections were suggested.

Motion by: N. Wasniewski

to send the proposed fundraising flyer with suggested changes to the Board of Selectmen (BOS) for approval.

Second by: P. Reading.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

P. Reading has prepared the overall plan/diagram with amendments as discussed for the proposed park with amenities. J. Cameron and P. Reading will attend the July 17, 2020, BOS meeting

Motion by: N. Wasniewski

to send the two diagrams with amendments and a letter to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

Second by: J. Cameron.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

9. GRANTS

As K. Byrne is absent, there was no discussion at this time.

10. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

J. Fairburn stated he hoped the park could be used for educational purposes, bringing school children to the site. He has seen osprey and great blue herons on the property.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: N. Wasniewski

to adjourn the meeting.

Second by: P. Reading.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Misbach adjourned this meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk