

Norton Park Committee  
August 10, 2022 – Regular Meeting  
Senior Center  
95 Norwich Avenue

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Rob Misbach, Vice Chair Nan Wasniewski, Katherine Kosiba, Kevin Byrne, Patrick Reading, Alternates Juliana Cameron and Linda Pasternak.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Consultant Jay Gigliotti.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Robert Misbach called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

**2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA**

K. Kosiba requested the additions of Invasive Species to the agenda.

**Motion by:** K. Kosiba

to add discussion of Invasive Species as Item 6.1

**Second by:** N. Wasniewski.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: July 13, 2022**

The July 13, 2022, meeting minutes were presented for approval.

**Motion by:** N. Wasniewski

to approve the minutes as read.

**Second by:** K. Byrne.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

**4. BOS LIAISON REPORT**

Debbie Bates was unable to attend tonight.

**5. FUNDRAISING**

K. Kosiba has not received a report from Finance since January. The new Finance Director will look into an updated report.

**6. AMENITY FINALIZATION: Signs**

Due to the time expected to get to the installation of signs, this discussion will take place at a later date.

**6.1 Invasive Species**

K. Kosiba noted that invasive species need to be removed or they will go to seed, causing further problems. K. Kosiba will meet with Carol Syzmanski, Wetlands Agent to develop a plan for removal.

**7. GRANTS**

Consultant Jay Gigliotti gave an extensive report on the existing grant and what complications have come into play with the costs doubling since the beginning of this project. J. Gigliotti reported on recent conversations with the engineering firm, with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the Department of Economic Community Development (DECD). Inflation and gas prices have added significantly to the cost estimates for this project.

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The contaminated materials on the property must be removed and local plants are closing down, leaving only long distance plants that add to transportation costs. This may be a temporary situation and those materials could be stored onsite, however, the flood plain management regulations do not allow storage of materials. Removing the materials has almost doubled the cost of the remediation that must be completed to move forward. The flood plan management maps have not been updated since the dam was removed but they are what is being used to determine the work to be done, work that would not be necessary if the maps were updated. Revising and updating the maps is another expense.

J. Gigliotti noted a new round of the Brownfield grant program has a September 23, 2022, deadline.

**Motion by:** P. Reading

to support J. Gigliotti going forward with Round 16 of the Department of Economic and Community Development Municipal Brownfield Grant Program application and recommend approval to the Board of Selectmen.

**Second by:** K. Kosiba.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

#### 8. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments were received.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by:** N. Wasniewski

to adjourn this meeting.

**Second by:** P. Reading.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

Chair Misbach adjourned this meeting at 8:03 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade  
Clerk