

Norton Park Committee
October 12, 2022 – Regular Meeting
Senior Center
95 Norwich Avenue

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Byrne.

OTHERS PRESENT: Consultant Jay Gigliotti, Andrew Norton.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Misbach called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Alternate Juliana Cameron was seated as a voting member.

A short break was taken to honor Nan Wasniewski's 90th birthday.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

K. Kosiba requested adding a discussion on invasive plants.

Motion by: K. Kosiba
to add Discussion re: Invasive Plants as Item 4.A.

Second by: N. Wasniewski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Motion by: K. Kosiba
to add Discussion of meeting night change.

Second by: P. reading.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

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3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the September 14, 2022, were submitted for approval.

Motion by: K. Kosiba
to approve the minutes of September 14, 2022, as read.

Second by: P. Reading.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

4. CONSULTANT From BOS - JAY GIGLIOTTI REPORT

Consultant Jay Gigliotti gave an extensive report on the #16 Brownfield Grant submission dated September 23, 2022, for \$1,988,500 to complete the remediation of the site. If there are questions, the Department of Environmental Community Development (DECD) will reach out to the applicant. The award is expected to be announced in December. This grant request, endorsed by the Board of Selectmen, is for the complete remediation including transportation costs for the materials, samples and a final report.

The first Brownfield Grant #9 was received and has been held up due to 'prevailing wage' information required in bid packages with project specifications. K. Kosiba offered to send a letter regarding the progress of items in that first grant. Chair Misbach will contact the First Selectman for information.

4.A DISCUSSION OF INVASIVE PLANTS

K. Kosiba provided information on the invasive plants found at the park site. Some of these

take several years to exterminate and K. Kosiba has written a letter to Wetlands Officer Carol Szymanski requesting a work group begin the process to rid the house site part of the park of these plants. At this time, the park area is two separate sites, the request was denied based on it being one site.

4.B MEETING NIGHTS/DATES

The 2023 calendar of meeting dates must be approved at the November meeting to be filed in December. Discussion followed regarding changing the meeting night to Tuesday. A calendar will be on the next agenda for approval by the committee.

5. FUNDRAISING

K. Kosiba has been requesting updated financial reports on donations. The reports are lacking some information. This will continue to be looked into and an updated report should be available for the next meeting.

6. GRANTS

No further discussion on Grants.

7. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments received.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: N. Wasniewski
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: P. Reading.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Misbach adjourned this meeting at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk