

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Selectman Debbie Bates.

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Misbach called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

Motion by: K. Kosiba

to add discussion of Damage at the Dam, Invasive Plants, Donations, Native Plant Garden, Transition of Financials, Vacancy, Web Page Update, Invasive and Natural Plant Boards as Item 6.a.

Second by: P. Reading.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The October 12, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes were presented for approval.

K. Kosiba asked for additional information to Item 4a. Discussion of Invasive Plants.

The first sentence should read, "K. Kosiba *sent an email* to Wetlands Officer Carol Szymanski requesting *a work plan be developed with the Norton Committee to remove invasive plants (chemical and mechanical)*. The request was denied *and R. Misbach to follow up with First Selectman*."

Motion by: K. Kosiba

to approve the minutes with the above corrections.

Second by: K. Byrne.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

4. BOS LIAISON/JAY GIGLIOTTI REPORT

J. Gigliotti was unable to attend but provided a report through Selectman D. Bates.

If the Brownfield Grant is awarded to Norton Park, it will be late December. The State Historical Office is requesting documentation, photos before and after the dam removal and on the history of the site. J. Gigliotti has photos and feels there are many documents to support the request.

5. APPROVAL OF 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

The 2023 meeting schedule with changes from this year from Monday to Tuesday nights was presented for approval. As the July meeting would fall on July 4, the commission will not meet in the month of July.

Motion by: R. Misbach

to approve the 2023 Meeting Schedule with no regular July meeting.

Second by: K. Byrne.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

6. RESIGNATION OF KATHERINE KOSIBA

K. Kosiba has submitted her resignation from this committee. K. Kosiba would like to remain involved with the plantings at Norton Park. Naugatuck College is interested in students being involved during the spring semester.

6.a Discussion of the Dam -

The question is, who is responsible to repair the damage? There was a piece of rebar that

needs to be removed. As the location is in question, it was suggested to contact the person who originally reported it for the location and get a photo. Andy Dotter and Chris Tuttio may provide additional information.

Town Invasive Plants – It can take up to five years to completely remove invasive species. Manchester has successfully removed Japanese Knotwood and it was suggested to contact Manchester for their method.

Recurring Donations – this was discussed at the beginning of this project. It is now available through the Parks & Recreation Department. This type of donation could be added to future advertising.

Native Plant Garden – K. Kosiba proposed that the upper two areas of plantings be named the ‘Nan Norton Wasniewski Native Plant Garde’ in honor of her generous offer of the land and it is “a great testament to her and her family.”

Transition of Financials – K. Kosiba will work with L. Pasternak to turn over tracking of the donations and expenditures.

Vacancy – The members are in favor of J. Cameron filling K. Kosiba’s vacancy and that would leave an alternate vacancy. Chair Misbach will contact First Selectman.

Web Page Update – the page needs to be updated. This is done through the Selectman’s Office.

Invasive and Natural Plant Boards – K. Kosiba has been working on the information for these boards.

Motion by: K. Byrne
to give the information to R. Misbach.

Second by: N. Wasniewski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

7. FUNDRAISING

No further information at this time.

8. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

No comments received.

9. ADJOURMENT

Motion by: N. Wasniewski
to adjourn.

Second by: K. Byrne.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Misbach adjourned this meeting at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk