Norton Park Committee February 7, 2023 – Regular Meeting Colchester Senior Center 95 Norwich Avenue

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Kevin Byrne.

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Selectmen Liaison Deb Bates, Andrew Norton, Gerrie Transue.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Misbach called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:32 pm. Alternate L. Pasternak were seated as a voting member.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

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J. Cameron requested discussion of updating the brochure due to the change of meeting nights and P. Reading requested adding a potential design change to the park.

Motion by: J. Cameron

to add the Update Brochure as Item 7.1 and to add the

Potential Design Change as Item 8.2.

Second by: L. Pasternak.

Unanimous to approve. Vote:

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the December 14, 2022, Regular Meeting were presented for review and approval.

Motion by: N. Wasniewski

to approve the minutes noting one change, P. Reading was absent.

Second by: J. Cameron

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

4. BOS LIAISON/JAY GIGLIOTTI REPORT

Consultant J. Gigliotti was unable to attend to this meeting. Selectman Bates gave a report from a meeting with J. Gigliotti, Town Planner Demian Sorrentino, State Representative Mark DeCaprio and Consultant Mike Raber from the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO). Partial remediation and capping the area was discussed, this will bring the cost down. There is a possibility that a local company will be able to take the soil that needs to be removed, avoiding the high transport costs that were discussed last year.

5. BANNER

The banner at the park property has been removed as it had fallen and is in rough shape. J. Cameron will look into a new banner.

6. FUNDRAISING

L. Pasternak has been given an updated donation list and will be keeping the log up to date.

7. AMENITY FINALIZATION

7.1 Update brochure

Due to the date change for meetings, the brochure should be updated. This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

8. GRANTS

8.1 There are no new grants at this time. There is an application for \$140,000 before the ARPA Committee and a possible reimbursement of \$295,000 from an earlier grant.

8.2 Design changes.

P. Reading has prepared a possible design change. It was decided not to discuss this item due to the good news that the project may move on as designed and earlier than previously thought.

9. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

G. Transue said this park project is really special and she wishes the best to all.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: N. Wasniewski to adjourn this meeting. **Second by:** J. Cameron.

Vote:

Unanimous to approve.

Chair Misbach adjourned this meeting at 7:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade Clerk