

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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Board of Selectman Liaison Denise Mizla, Andrew Norton, Paul Baldinger.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

No additions were requested.

**3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

The minutes of the March 10, 2021, meeting were submitted for approval. It was noted that the date of the Colchester Land Trust and Colchester Fish and Game Club Hike is June 6, 2021, and the correct time is 1:00 pm. K. Kosiba said that Item 7.2 should read, “K. Kosiba mentioned a conversation with Tiffiany Quinn about an idea for ‘Friends of Cohen Woodlands’, where T. Quinn replied that she was working on developing the new concept for ‘Friends of all Colchester Parks’ and agreed to share draft information with K. Kosiba.”

**Motion by:** K. Kosiba

to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2021, meeting with amendments as stated.

**Second by:** P. Reading.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

**4. CITIZENS’ CITIZENS**

Andrew Norton noted that a friend had recently told him a bald eagle had been spotted over the river through the Norton Park area.

**5. STATUS REPORT FROM J. PAGGIOLI**

J. Paggioli was unable to attend this evening.

5.1 Clean-up Day – no report

5.2 Saving Plants – no report

**6. PUBLICITY**

6.1 Senior Center Presentation

The presentation through the Senior Center is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2021, and will be given by N. Wasniewski, K. Byrne and K. Kosiba.

6.2 CLT/CF&G Hike

The Colchester Land Trust and Colchester Fish and Game Club hike will begin with an introduction and brief overview by N. Wasniewski and K. Byrne. K. Kosiba mentioned concern on the left side of the bridge for pedestrian traffic. Cones will be placed at that area. “CL-Discover Colchester” hike directional signs for traffic will be also be in place. The hike will be advertised on the Connecticut Park and Forest Association website. K. Byrne will send members an email with the information for required registration. Information will also be in the Salmon River Watershed Newsletter. Colchester Inland/Wetlands Agent J. Gigliotti has offered his assistance with the article.

6.3 Spring Clean-up Day at the Park

Clean-up Day is scheduled for April 24, with a rain date of April 25, 2021. Sign up is through Colchester Parks & Recreation Department, individuals need to set up a personal

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account. Trash bags will be provided and the Town crew will pick up the bags.

#### 6.4 Banner/Info Kiosk

J. Cameron and K. Kosiba are working on the banner. Three quotes were received for a vertical banner or a horizontal banner. Also discussed were posts to hold boxes with flyers. K. Kosiba will assist with information to be sent to First Selectman Bylone for approval to move ahead with this purchase.

**Motion by:** P. Reading

to approve the purchase of a vertical banner from Vista Prints for \$114.45.

**Second by:** N. Wasniewski.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

### 7. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

K. Kosiba noted she recently viewed a FaceBook page of a similar project in another town showing photo progress of that park. L. Pasternak will look into setting up a FaceBook page for Norton Park. Approval from the town will be needed to implement.

K. Kosiba reported that the monetary donations now total \$10,696 but after printing expenses, \$10,224.27 remain. Donations for engraved commemorative items total \$24,136.

K. Kosiba has gathered information for the committee to decide on a picnic table style and materials from existing tables at Bacon Academy and other areas in Colchester. The style she is recommending is located at the Colchester Lions Pond park. K. Kosiba encouraged the committee members to do a site visit to see the tables as well as the benches. The benches were built by Boy Scout Ben Petrosky for his Eagle Scout project and could be used on the upper park property and requested as another Eagle Scout project.

K. Kosiba requested the committee to put the finalization of the Eagle Scout request documentation to build picnic tables on hold until the next meeting. There may be a person willing to have the tables built as a donation for Norton Park.

Documentation for the request for landscape design students to participate in design at the property are being finalized by P. Reading and K. Kosiba. These informational packages will be mailed to Goodwin, UCONN, Naugatuck colleges and to Master Gardener programs in New London and Middlesex counties.

### 8. GRANTS

K. Byrne contacted Representative Brian Smith regarding available State grants. At this time, K. Byrne is waiting for more information. The Eversource Grant is the final review process and will be sent soon.

### 9. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Paul Baldinger has offered his help with getting information out to the public citing several of his neighbors did not know about the park project.

### 10. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by:** N. Wasniewski  
to adjourn the meeting.

**Second by:** P. Reading.

**Vote:** Unanimous to approve.

Chair Misbach adjourned this meeting at 7:43 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade  
Clerk