

Norton Park Committee
July 14, 2021 – Regular Meeting
Town Hall – Room 1
127 Norwich Avenue

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Director of Public Works Jim Paggioli, Board of Selectman Liaison Denise Mizla, Cathy Russi.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rob Misbach called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:38 pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

K. Kosiba requested adding Discussion on Content of Minutes to the agenda.

Motion by: K. Kosiba

to add Discussion on Content of Minutes under Item 3.

Second by: K. Byrne.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the June 9, 2021, meeting were submitted for review.

Motion by: K. Kosiba

to approve the minutes of June 9, 2021, with a correction that states remediation will begin after Labor Day.

Second by: N. Wasniewski.

Vote: Abstaining: R. Reading.

In favor: All others. Approved.

Discussion of Content of Minutes

K. Kosiba would like to see more content in the minutes allowing members to review for details of discussions. The clerk noted that the minutes legally need only to have motions and that great detail is not required nor suggested. Chair Misbach said each member could keep their own notes for the details they are looking for.

4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

None at this time.

5. STATUS REPORT FROM JIM PAGGIOLI

Director Jim Paggioli reported that the Request for Proposal (RFP) is out and several contractors have responded. Bids will be opened July 26, 2021. A thirty (30) day notice must be posted prior to the house demolition.

Discussion followed about the amount of fill available and the amount needed, the possibility of a design change due to the fill areas and placement of safety fence sections. When the demolition and cleanup are completed, the property will be seeded to stabilize the area.

6. AMENITIES

P. Reading will update the materials list and send out to members for review and discussion at the next meeting.

7. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

K. Kosiba reported that the total of the monetary donations to date is \$27,536 including the recent grant. The committee has received \$17,660 for amenities (benches, bricks, etc.) This is a total of \$45,256 less \$568.49 for expenses.

J. Cameron suggested several new ideas for fundraising. N. Wasniewski would like to send a letter thanking the groups that presentations were given to and request a donation.

Flyers will be available at the Colchester Land Trust booth during the Farmers' Market on Sundays.

8. GRANTS

K. Byrne is working with Jay Gigliotti to complete the \$20,000 Eversource Grant. There is a state grant that will match funds raised by this committee. A value for Phase I to be completed for the opening of the park has been set at \$120,000.

In April, informational packages were prepared to be sent to Goodwin, UCONN, Naugatuck and other area colleges and to Master Gardener programs in New London and Middlesex counties to request landscape design students to participate in the landscape design at the property. This proposal is to provide student with an authentic learning experience. K. Kosiba will be the contact person for respondents.

9. PICNIC TABLE/BENCH SCOUT PROJECT

K. Kosiba has been in touch with an anonymous donor regarding the picnic tables. He would like to make all the tables for the park. As this was a potential Eagle Scout project, K. Kosiba presented a photo of a wood and concrete bench with a back that scouts have made for other areas, giving the scouts a possible project.

Motion by: P. Reading

to determine, at the next meeting, the number and color of the donated picnic tables that will be modeled after the tables at the Lions' Pond and number and color of the wood and concrete benches as presented by K. Kosiba.

Second by: K. Kosiba.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

10. CITIZENS' COMMENT

Cathy Russi said she would be glad to help in sending out letters for fundraisers.

C. Russi also noted the educational opportunities the park will provide for environmental subjects.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: N. Wasniewski
to adjourn.

Second by: K. Kosiba.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Misbach adjourned this meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk