

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Interim Director of Public Works Mike Paggioli, John Filloramo, Cathy Russi.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Misbach called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:35 pm. A letter has been received from Board of Selectmen Liaison Denise Mizler. This would have been her last meeting as liaison and due to Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen meetings this evening she is unable to attend. D. Mizla wished the committee success and will continue to support Norton Park.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

N. Wasniewski requested adding Discussion on ARPA application.

Motion by: N. Wasniewski

to add Discussion on the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) application.

Second by: L. Pasternak.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the August 18, 2021, were submitted for approval.

Motion by: N. Wasniewski

to approve the minutes as read.

Second by: L. Pasternak.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

John Filloramo, a mason contractor who lives near the park offered to donate some granite curbing and brick blocks for the park. J. Filloramo would need help moving the materials. The materials will be moved at the time they are needed rather than move twice.

5. STATUS REPORT FORM CPW

Colchester Public Works Interim Director M. Previti said the house abatement is complete, air quality will be tested this week. The fire department would like to use the house for rescue training prior to demolition and after the test is complete and clearance given. As M. Previti is new to this project, he is reviewing paperwork to be sure all is in order.

6. MATERIALS DONATIONS

Educational boards are proposed for the park. K. Kosiba asked how the different boards are coming. J. Cameron and N. Wasniewski are working on history and illustrations. R. Misbach is doing the dam removal and wildlife restoration, K. Kosiba will do native and invasive plants.

7. FUNDRAISING UPDATES

K. Kosiba reported that no donations were received since August. Discussion followed on the number of bricks that have been sold for engraving and the ability for the engraving to last over time. J. Cameron to check with the vendor. Also discussed was granite vs bricks pricing. It was suggested to contact a reporter for a story about the house demolition and noting

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the availability for donations to the park.

K. Kosiba mentioned that Parks & Recreation Director T. Quinn is working with her on a “Friends of Parks” volunteer program and electronic payment possibility for donations.

8. GRANTS

8.1 ARPA Application

The ARPA application is on the website with necessary information. The monies are being reviewed in “waves” with the first applications having a November application date. The request must include what the negative impact of the pandemic was on the project being considered. K. Byrne will write a narrative to be reviewed by others for the application focusing on Phase I of the plan.

K. Byrne reported that Eversource turned down the grant request. It seems that companies are not willing to give grants to towns. Several inquiries have had no for an answer. A suggestion was made to offer tree purchases with a memorial stone as there are not many places in town to plant those tree requests.

9. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

C. Russi suggested offering engraved bricks as holiday gift suggestions. Also, to mention intergenerational opportunities at Norton Park for the ARPA application. C. Russi offered to help the committee wherever she could.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: N. Wasniewski
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: L. Pasternak

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Misbach adjourned this meeting at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk