

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Selectman Liaison Deborah Bates, Andrew Norton, Cathy Russi.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Misbach called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Motion by: K. Kosiba
to add amenities under Item 5. Status Report.
Second by: N. Wasniewski.
Vote: Unanimous to approve.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the February 9, 2022, meeting were submitted for review and approval. It was noted that Patrick Reading was present at the February 9, 2022 meeting and abstained from voting on the January 12, 2022, due to his absence from the January meeting.
Motion by: P. Reading
to approve the minutes of February 9, 2022, as amended.
Second by: K. Byrnes.
Vote: Unanimous to approve.

4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

No comments received.

5. STATUS REPORT FROM CPW

No report this evening from Colchester Public Works.

5.1 Amenities

K. Kosiba asked about sending out the requests to the appropriate colleges for the landscaping design due to the remediation not being done and that the students, therefore, cannot make a site visit. P. Reading stated he would rather wait until a complete set of plans could be sent when visit would be possible.

K. Kosiba has found examples of education boards and signage but the file is too large to email. K. Kosiba will provide the info and printed copies for those who want them.

6. DISCUSS CHAIRMAN'S MEETING WITH TOWN OFFICIALS

6.1 Committee's role

Chair Misbach will meet with the First Selectman, Andreas Bibiskos, Town Planner Matt Bordeaux, Town Engineer Sal Tassone and Interim Facilities Director Mike Previti on March 18, 2022, to discuss the project. There are questions this committee has about the bid process, the committee's role going forward. Paperwork is being reviewed to establish where things stand. K. Kosiba suggested the committee write up what was previously

understood for the Town's and State's responsibilities, ie sidewalks, fencing. There is also the stockpile of fill from the airline project that was to be used for the park.

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Selectman D. Bates has had conversations with the First Selectman and M. Bordeaux about the park project. At this time, the grant is being reviewed to see how much is still available.

6.2 Committee's goal

The top priority is to make this a safe space and to be able to remove the fencing.

6.3 ARPA

The ARPA Committee is meeting again and reviewing applications.

7. FUNDRAISING, PAINTING EVENT

J. Cameron said the Parks & Recreation Commission has ordered a capstone with engraving that exceeds the 39 characters set. Discussion followed about how to handle this as there are likely to be cost increases since the original price was obtained. The consensus was to charge for extra characters over the established amount.

J. Cameron has fundraising painting projects set up with various organizations. Fish cut outs from original millboard will be painted and displayed in the Norton Room at the Library on May 21 through June. There are three different fees and several dates to be advertised for "Come Paint a Fish". Sign up will be through Parks & Recreation Department as they have the ability to take credit cards. Display boards will be set up for information about Norton Park.

Approval will be needed from the Board of Selectmen.

Motion by: K. Byrnes

to approve up to \$100 for supplies for the painting supplies to support the fish fundraiser.

Second by: K. Kosiba.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

K. Kosiba gave a report on the audit recently done. The total raised is \$48,166. Monetary donations included in that amount are \$28,696, including grants; commemorative engraved donations are \$19,470 and available funds after expenses are \$28,127.51.

8. GRANTS

The Committee has received a \$500 grant from the Colchester Lions Club. At this time, there are not many grants available. K. Byrne will contact Planner M. Bordeaux about potential grants. Without knowing the date of the completion of the remediation it is difficult to apply for grants.

9. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

A. Norton asked about the area to be paved at the park and commented on the Parks & Recreation engraving question.

P. Reading noted that the Phase I area will be dirt and gravel and Phase II will be a pervious pavement parking area only.

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10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: N. Wasniewski
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: Kevin Byrnes.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Misbach adjourned this meeting at 7:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk