

Norton Park Committee
June 8, 2022 – Regular Meeting
Colchester Senior Center
95 Norwich Avenue

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Selectmen Selectman Deb Bates, Consultant Jay Gigliotti, Andrew Norton.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Rob Misbach called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

K. Kosiba asked to add Past Issues and Chair Misbach to add Report from Consultant J. Gigliotti.

Motion by: K. Kosiba

to approve the requested additions as Item 3a. Report from Consultant J. Gigliotti and Past Issues as Item 5a.

Second by: P. Reading.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the May 11, 2022, were presented for approval.

Motion by: N. Wasniewski

to approve the minutes of May 11, 2022, as read.

Second by: P. Reading.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

3a. REPORT FROM CONSULTANT J. GIGLIOTTI

J. Gigliotti, former Inland Wetlands Officer for the Town of Colchester, is familiar with the work at the park property and with grant work. He has been hired to help move this project along through the rest of this year. J. Gigliotti reviewed the project and explained the grants that were received and how the monies were used from the dam removal to recent remediation work.

J. Gigliotti said two bids will go out for remediation for two areas of contamination. It could take up to two weeks for the bid process. There is a process to follow with bids. A formal bid opening is scheduled, they are opened at that meeting, reviewed, then awarded. This process takes approximately two weeks. This will start the project up and will keep the project moving. J. Gigliotti will continue to be in contact with the Department of Environmental and Engineering Protection (DEEP) and the Department of Economic Community Development (DECD). There is a flood plain management issue that must be completed. Some of the information needed for the flood plain certificate may be available from the original dam removal. There will be reimbursements due for completed work.

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4. BOS LIAISON REPORT

Selectman D. Bates stated \$141,000 will be available for the park from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). D. Bates noted the plan for a parade in honor of Nick Norton is still on as well as a donation from the Republican Town Committee to plant a tree with a plaque at the park.

5. FUNDRAISING

Juliana Cameron reported on the recent “Swim with the Fish” fundraiser. There were five paint sessions with \$727.48 raised. The fish are still on display at Cragin Library.

5a. PAST ISSUES

K. Kosiba has not received information from the Finance Department since the January report. Also, discussed were the materials to be used for various items such as what type of materials will be used for the bricks, signs, plaques, etc. Chair Misbach will put an item on the agenda each month for a decision to be made.

6. GRANTS

K. Byrne said he had spoken with David Wasniewski about a grant and will continue to work on finding grants for this project.

7. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

A. Norton asked about the two separate remediations bids.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: N. Wasniewski
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: P. Reading.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Misbach adjourned this meeting at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk