

Norton Park Committee
October 14, 2020 – Regular Meeting
Zoom Meeting

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Robert Misbach, Vice Chair Nan Wasniewski, Patrick Reading, Kevin Byrne at 7:00 pm, Katherine Kosiba at 7:21pm, Alternates Julianna Cameron, Linda Pasternak.

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Selectman Liaison Denise Mizla, Director of Public Works Jim Pagioli.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Rob Misbach called this meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

No additions were requested.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Motion by: L. Pasternak

to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2020, as read.

Second by: N. Wasniewski

Vote: Unanimous to approve with those present.

4. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments received.

5. STATUS REPORT FROM J. PAGGIOLI

J. Paggioli said the bridge work has been complete but may need a higher pedestrian railing. There is a walk through scheduled for October 21, 2020, and if deemed substantially complete, the equipment will be removed and the remediation can begin on the mill property. The testing is done on the adjacent property with the house that will be demolished. The demolition must have an appropriation from the Board of Finance.

All the paving done recently is for the bridge and Fish & Game property.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Misbach stated several donations have been received. K. Kosiba has sent thank you letters to all who have sent in donations.

7. FLYER DISTRIBUTION

L. Paternak has distributed flyers at the Farmers Market and the Land Trust. This coming weekend is the last Farmers' Market. Discussion followed on getting the flyers out possibly to restaurants and other town organizations.

8. PARK ADDITONS/CHANGES

N. Wasniewski asked about the number of benches planned for the park. There are five on the plan but the plan could easily accommodate eight. J. Cameron said the Wasniewski and

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Norton families would like to donate two large slabs of granite to be used at the park. The pavilion needs more refined plans to seek cost estimates. P. Reading has provided a design concept for the plans.

K. Kosiba said she would like to see a stone sign for the entrance to avoid weather damage over time as it becomes expensive and time consuming to repair a wooden sign. J. Cameron suggested incorporating some of the bricks from the mill into the entrance sign.

K. Byrne joined the meeting at the beginning of the Park Changes discussion and had to leave before the next item. K. Kosiba arrived during the Park Changes discussion.

9. FUNDRAISING UPDATES

K. Kosiba has kept track of the donations and the total is just over \$5,000 including donations for specific items. At this time she is waiting for an update from the Finance Department.

A reporter was to be invited to the forum and as the forum has been postponed, it has been suggested that a reporter do an interview with Chair and Vice Chair to explain the Park story and how it will benefit the community. N. Wasniewski will call to set up a time and possible tour of the park property.

10. GRANTS

Al Letendre contacted the Committee to advise them of a possible grant through the Department of Environmental Protection, he is also willing to help with the grant.

11. FORUM

11.1 Practice Zoom Venues

K. Kosiba reported that the Senior Center and Library have Zoom programs and suggested a Norton Park Forum could be part of their programs using the proposed format for the Forum giving members a chance to present it to smaller groups first.

K. Kosiba has put together a power point presentation that may be used at the forum as well as the small zoom groups.

12. CITIZEN COMMENTS

No comments received.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: N. Wasniewski
to adjourn the meeting.

Second by: K. Kosiba.

Vote: Unanimous to adjourn.

Chair Misbach adjourned this meeting at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk