

Norton Park Committee
November 12, 2020 – Regular Meeting
Zoom Meeting

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Board of Selectman Liaison Denise Mizla, Director of Public Works Jim Paggioli, Ned Wasniewski, Andrew Norton.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions were requested.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS

The minutes of the October 14, 2020, meeting were presented for approval.

Motion by: N. Wasniewski
to approve the minutes of October 14, 2020, as read.

Second by: K. Byrne.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

4. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

None received.

5. STATUS REPORT FROM J. PAGGIOLI

The additional railing for the bridge will be an extra cost. The bridge repair project is being closed out. The acquisition of the 129 Westchester Road house is going forward. Paperwork is in the process and it is on the Board of Selectmen's agenda. A town meeting will be scheduled, possibly for December, a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the demolition will be done and then the demolition will go out to bid.

K. Kosiba noted there are invasive plants on the property and has found a one-time application that should eliminate the plants permanently and will forward info to J. Paggioli.

6. PUBLICITY

6.1. Print

Chair Misbach has sent articles to Public forum information articles to The Rivereast and The Norwich Bulletin.

6.2. Social Media

L. Pasternak has put information about the flyer on five social media sites. Photos will be added and the information updated on a regular basis.

7. FLYER DISTRIBUTION

The flyer is on the town website and at the Cragin Memorial Library. During the discussion regarding the cost of possible mass mailing, it was decided to wait until after the first of the year to decide.

8. FUNDRAISING

8.1 Amenity Reservations

RECEIVED
NORWICH
BULLETIN
NOV 16 AM 10:53
Julianna Cameron
Board of Selectman
Liaison

J. Cameron has contacted contractors for quotes on the pavilion. Two of them did not have masonry experience declining the invitation to quote. J. Cameron has an appointment on Friday with a third contractor. Months ago J. Cameron prepared a guesstimate for materials. P. Reading said he would provide an update for a projected cost to the project.

Donations for the purchase of benches, both wooden and granite, have been received. The committee will keep track of the number sold and still available. P. Reading said it may be possible to add one or two, if necessary.

8.2. Monetary

K. Kosiba said the monetary donations are going well and she is keeping a spreadsheet along with the Town's accounting.

9. GRANTS

K. Byrne has been in touch with A. Letendre regarding a land and water conservation grant that is a matching grant. Colchester's Wetlands Officer J. Gigliotti is willing to help. The Committee will do the first draft. K. Byrne has contacted numerous state people involved with this grant to find the paperwork to go with it and will continue to look into this and other grants.

10. FORUM

The public forum is scheduled for November 23, 2020, 6:30 pm. through Cragin Memorial Library's monthly program offerings. The opening statement will be given by Vice Chair Wasniewski and the power point presentation will follow with Chair Misbach.

11. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

A. Norton asked questions regarding the total cost of the project. This has not yet been finalized.

N. Wasniewski asked questions about the monetary funds donated for other than a bench or other amenity. The monies raised are to pay for all improvements to the site.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: N. Wasniewski
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: K. Byrne.

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Misbach adjourned this meeting at 7:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk