

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Director of Public Works Jim Paggioli, Board of Selectman Liaison Denise Mizla, Andrew Norton, Cathy Russi, Paul Baldinger, Merrill Collins, David Wasniewski.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Misbach called this Regular Meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

2. ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA

No additions were requested.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of the February 10, 2021, Regular Meeting were presented for approval. K. Kosiba noted that Item 8.2 needed a spelling correction to read "Cragin", Item 8.3 Lions Club Request should read, "Chair Misbach will follow up with Lions Club.", Item 9.2, correct the amount of the flyer expense to read "\$282.62".

Motion by: K. Kosiba

to approve the minutes of February 10, 2021, with corrections as stated above.

Second by: N. Wasniewski.

Vote: Unanimous to approve as amended.

4. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

P. Baldinger stated he has 3D renderings of the proposed Norton Park to share with the Committee. Drawings will be shown during Item 9.

5. STATUS REPORT FROM JIM PAGGIOLI

J. Paggioli said he met with Jennifer Snyder bringing her up to date on the project. This month has been spent preparing documents and making revisions for reimbursement requests. As of now, the timeline is to go out to bid around April 15 and then the date for further demolition will be set.

J. Paggioli said to look at the future maintenance issues with the trails/paths and stone dust vs grass. The committee could wait and see where people walk and then decide on the materials. Plantings could be used to delineate walkways.

6. PUBLICITY

6.1 Neighbor Presentation

Chair Misbach said the presentation was well received, questions were asked. K. Kosiba reviewed the questions and answers.

6.2 Public Forum

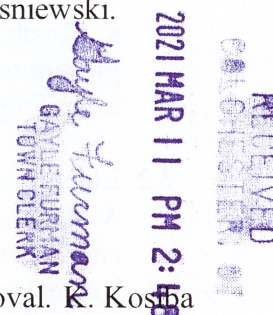
K. Kosiba has sent information to five FaceBook sites, the Hartford Courant, Norwich Bulletin, the Courant Community, The Rivereast Bulletin. As this forum is through Cragin Library, people must register first to receive the Zoom information to participate. The forum will be held on March 25, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

6.3 Senior Center Presentation

The Senior Center presentation will be held during the day. K. Byrne, K. Kosiba and N. Wasniewski will present this forum. Date and time to be determined.

6.4 Colchester Fish & Game/Land Trust Hike June 6, 2021 6:00 pm

An approximate one mile hike has been planned for June, 6, 2021. Each group will be limited to 15 people. K. Byrne would like to see a banner promoting the park up before the walk takes place. K. Kosiba has received quotes for banners and will work with J. Cameron on the design.



7. FUNDRAISING UPDATE

7.1 Monetary

K. Kosiba reported the total of monetary donations is \$9796.00. Recent expenses for neighbor mailing at \$118.11 and flyer printing of \$283.62 leaves the monetary total available for use at \$9394.27. Recently two more capstones have been purchased.

K. Kosiba has also researched park benches for size, design and has taken pictures to present to the committee to decide and then contact the Scout groups to build, possibly as an Eagle Scout Project. K. Kosiba would like to finalize the design at the next meeting.

7.2 Electronic/Ongoing Donations

A donation has been offered to the Park for landscaping expenses as an ongoing gift each month. Discussion followed as to the use of Bill Pay or through the Parks & Recreation Department (P&R) payment system that comes with a transaction fee. The question was raised about how the ongoing donations would be directed to specific items when committee is dissolved. The park will be turned over to the Town when complete, Public Works will do bulk of general maintenance but what about replacing plants, etc? It was suggested 'Friends of Norton Park' may be possible. Chair Misbach will invite Director of P&R Tiffany Quinn to the next meeting.

8. GRANTS

K. Byrne has completed the Eversource Grant application. There are other grants they are being worked on and it was suggested that K. Byrne contact Inland Wetlands Officer Jay Giglioti as he has prepared similar grants for the Town. K. Byrne has estimated \$120,000 to complete Phase I. It was suggested to contact State Representative Brian Smith for possible grant information.

9. CITIZEN COMMENTS

P. Baldinger has prepared 3D renderings from the original maps drawn by P. Reading. Mr. Baldinger and his team from SLAM Collaborative will work on further enhancing the graphics to be included in the next public forum presentation to give a more realistic look to the plans. Mr. Baldinger's team is also willing to be an advisor if the committee works with students from the area colleges on the landscape design.

D. Wasniewski suggested the committee create a specific FaceBook site to watch the progress of the park and it may enhance the fundraising efforts.

A. Norton likes the idea of a "Friends of Norton Park" committee to be able to have input and help to keep the park maintained after this committee is dissolved.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: N. Wasniewski
to adjourn this meeting.

Second by: K. Byrne

Vote: Unanimous to approve.

Chair Misbach adjourned this meeting at 8:23 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jane Slade
Clerk