NORTON PARK COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA (due to time change) WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020

6:00 PM

TOWN HALL - ROOM 1 127 NORWICH AVENUE



- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- 3. Presentation and Q&A with Jay Gigliotti, Town of Colchester Wetlands Officer
- 4. Citizens' Comments
- 5. Correspondence
- 6. Old Business
 - 6.1 Colchester Lions Grant approved
 - a. Review signage offered for first phase of park development
 - b. Discuss development of utilitarian park signage street side on Rte 149/ Westchester Road vs special park sign which would be more appropriate for park visitor entrance
 - c. Do we need signage posted between two properties prohibiting access to second property, until town owns, structure is removed and grounds made safe?
 - d. Do we need signage posted along river going towards prior dam site where bank narrows/lots of water turbulence for no access walking near this are for safety?
 - 6.2 What is needed for potential phase I opening of site at Norton Park
 - a. Remediation completion of existing site and basic site preparations (e.g. contour seeding, other?) Expected timeframe so committee can do detailed planning for potential phase I park opening and continue to work on park design/amenities placement.
 - b. Rte 149/Westchester Road Airline Trail to Park Sidewalk completion Town of Colchester, how do we request this be done in 2020?
 - c. CT-DOT Crosswalk, pedestrian safety signage in proximity of River Road/Paper Mill Road/Rte 149
 - i To Whom/How when do we make request of so this can be done in 2020
 - ii May we consider for request a blinking pedestrian sign considering speed and volume of traffic similar to what is being installed for current Halls Hill Road project
 - d. Discuss value/importance of conducting a special meeting to invite nearby homeowners to meet with our committee to review conceptual plan, discuss phase I basic park deliverable vs full park deliverable and potential timeframe with discussions, hearing any concerns, build good will for project.

- 6.3. Special Forum Meeting (suggested by Andrew Norton during Citizen's Comments, also by First Selectman Mary Bylone email Sunday 2/9/2020 related to Facebook Post) request//approval
 - a. Purpose: share basic information about the project, committee, conceptual plan, and be able to solicit input where discussion is possible
 - b. Format Small presentation with PowerPoint presentation of sale, grants/work completed to date, conceptual park plan, photos, open to discussion
 - c. Open discussion have committee as panel in front of room, large easel pads to collect ideas and comments for future reference/use
 - d. Timing/place
- 6.4 Committee's Donation Process Donations to First Selectman's Office, notification to Norton Committee, check to Finance Department. Committee sends acknowledgement letter to donor. Suggest create/maintain donation log to track all donations (see template) Suggest request monthly financial report to Committee from Finance Department to balance/verify receipt-deposit of donations.
 Suggest separate log for grants applied for, including received of not. Format: MS Excel in order to total dollars. Do not post long on Norton Committee web page considering sensitive name of personal information included.
- 6.5. Grants Suggest create separate MS Excel work book for grant activity
 - a. Information Gathering
 - i. Julia Mcgrath, Grants Coordinator and Caseworker, Office of Congressman Joe Courtney CCT-2).
 - ii. Amanda Kenyon, Grants and Communications Coordinator, Rockfall Foundation
 - b. Other
- 6.6 Park Amenities Discussion on progress of various components
- 7. Citizens' Comments
- 8. New Business
 - 8.1 Fundraising
 - 8.2 Logo Committee Approval
 - 8.3 Review Flyer
 - 8.4 Donation Item Discussion
 - 8.5 February 20, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting
- 9. Adjournment