

Minutes of the Bartlet Mall Commission Meeting

May 18, 2017

Newburyport Public Library

Director's Room

1. The Meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm. In attendance: Andrea Eigerman, Karen Johnson and Ellen Hanick. Absent: Joanna Fernandes, Constance Maas. Guests: Bill Ladas and Charlie Griffin.
2. Review and approval of April meeting minutes: Moved to June meeting.
3. We have meeting dates of June 15th and July 20th, but may cancel one depending on commissioner availability and agenda topics. It was noted that the Parks Conservancy fundraiser is being held on June 15 at the Poynt Restaurant.
4. Permit Request to Review—wedding on lawn next to Pond Street on 9/30/2017. Approved and agreed to request the standard \$250 fee.
5. Maintenance issues and updates:
 - Update on OPWS clean up of Frog Pond Lise Reid reported by phone that Phoenix Revolution is coming next Tuesday at 11 and that they are waiting for a final part to complete system. She also reported that installation will happen mid June and that the contract with Phoenix revolution is in effect until December 2018.
 - Update on excavation of willow roots for planting of FoNT donated copper beech tree (Andrea). The city will maintain watering of new trees. Andrea reported that the excavation was left incomplete by contractor.
 - Governor's Academy volunteers May 25/26 (Andrea). Students will work around the George Washington statue. Bill Ladas volunteered to supervise if needed additional student groups in the future. Karen volunteered to liase with Governors Academy for future volunteers.
 - Update on volunteers/inmates for benches (Lise). Benches will be stripped by the Parks Commission.
 - Phragmites? Andrea described the process.
 - Watershed Maintenance Plan? A discussion of the original Charles Eliot Plan and the relationship to the Master plan was introduced.
6. Events for 2017:
 - Update on Newburyport Parks Conservany July 1st Americana Rhythm and Roots concert. The publicity and planning of the event was detailed by andrea and Karen.
 - Update to group on status of Old Newburyport Day at Bartlet Mall Collaboration includes food from the Greek Orthodox Church. Ipswich Ale will donate 50% of their profits. Oh! Carolan will provide music. The Theatre in the Open will provide historical pieces. Charlie Griffin volunteered to discuss with the Court ways to showcase historical Bullfinch prints during tours.
7. Adjourned at 7:10 pm

