

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission-Bartlet Mall Commission Joint Meeting
July 20, 2017**

Call to order at 6:10 p.m.

A quorum was present.

In attendance: Andrea Eigerman, Joanna Fernandes, Ellen Hanick , Kim Turner, Ann Lagasse, Karen Popken, Ann Dykes, Steven Sawyer

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Mike Hennessey (see sign-in sheet for additional attendees)

Proposal for Historic Restoration of Bartlet Mall

Residents Charles Griffin and William Ladas presented a proposal to restore Bartlet Mall as originally designed by Charles Elliot. The restoration would be done in several phases, the first phase working to

- Re-stabilize slopes;
- Work to make a cleaner edge to the Frog Pond in cooperation with Bartlet Mall Commission, Parks Commission, City Staff, and members of the public;
- Replenish sandy gravel material (that will not slough into the pond water) at pond's edge around the perimeter of the pond.

Motion to approve Phase I of Bartlet Mall Historic Restoration Project by Commissioner Hanick, seconded by Commissioner Fernandes. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Frog Pond Cleanup Update

Director Reid gave an update of the Frog Pond cleanup project. She reported that the project was progressing well despite some delays and that general contractor Phoenix Revolution expected the filtering system to be running by the end of July.

Other Business

Commissioner Eigerman gave an update about the Bartlet Mall Day Planned for October 8, 2017.

Bartlet Mall Commission adjournment at 6:30 p.m.

Proposal to Erect Historic Signposts at Bartlet Mall

Commissioners discussed a proposal to erect temporary signposts for historic photos of Bartlet Mall to promote restoration project and support Bartlet Mall Day. **Motion to approve temporary installation of signage by Commissioner Sawyer, seconded by Commissioner Lagasse. So voted: 4 Yea; 1 Nay on a voice vote.**

Permit Request: Sukkot on Inn Street

Commissioners considered a permit request for temporary installation of a *Sukkot* on Inn Street from approximately October 2 through 15, 2017. **Motion to approve temporary installation of a Sukkot on Inn Street contingent upon coordinating location with Parks Director by Commissioner Sawyer, seconded by Commissioner Lagasse. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Proposal to Relocate Site of Fenced Dog Park

Commissioners discussed possible locations for the future proposed fenced in dog park for which the city has received a design grant from the Stanton Foundation. Considerations included City Council concerns of exceeding grant funding and having to draw on taxpayer money to fund the project; on-going operation and maintenance costs; volunteer involvement including working with Friends of Newburyport Dogs who are working to educate, fundraise and support maintenance of the future park; whether the new park would have an impact on the status of existing off leash shared used locations; park management models including the Green Dog Program used in Brookline and site selection. Commissioners decided not to consider Cashman Park as a possible location because it is too small and there is not enough parking to support the facility. Animal Control Officer Scott Purdie agreed there are off leash problems at Cashman Park. Commissioners declined to choose a site for the future dog park and recommended site selection should be included in the design-engineer consultant's scope of work. Director Reid said she would re-issue the project RFP as such.

Permit Request: Fundraiser at Cashman Park

Commissioners discussed a permit request to hold a softball fundraiser on September 16, 2017 at Cashman Park. **Motion to approve permit application for Fundraiser at Cashman Park on September 16, 2017 contingent on vendor setup being restricted to the grassy space along the River Walk by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Dykes. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Sponsored Brick at Cashman Park

Commissioners approved adding another engraved brick to the sponsored brick plaza at Cashman Park.

Proposal to Revise Parking Restrictions at Cushing Park

Commissioners discussed restriction parking at Cushing Park to eliminate parking of commercial and long-term vehicles parking overnight at the park. **Motion to approve restricting parking at Cushing Park to 24-hour parking, no commercial vehicles, no unattached trailers by Commissioner Popken, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.** Commissioners asked Director Reid to issue a memo to City Council asking for the change in ordinance.

Metzy's Cantina use of Rail Trail-Cashman Park

Commissioners discussed a request by Metzy's Cantina to park a food truck off-street within the park at Cashman Park and to install wayfinding signage on the Rail Trail. Commissioners recommended the food truck be parked just inside the chain that cordons off the drive into the park from Pop Crowley Way. They agreed to allow installation of a sign matching the wayfinding sign for Haley's Ice Cream on the same post at Metzy's cost.

Other Business

Commissioners agreed to add a dog bag dispenser to Perkins Park.

Adjourn 8:35 p.m.

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