

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission
June 20, 2019**

Newburyport Senior Community Center

Call to order: 6:03 p.m.

A quorum was present

In attendance: Kimberly Turner, Charles Griffin, Matthew Ellsworth, Karen Popken

Also In attendance: Michael Hennessey, Lise Reid, Blake Wilcox

NEW BUSINESS

Free Little Library at Cushing Park

Councilor Heather Shand and resident Sharon Kennedy of 24 Munroe proposed installation of a Little Free Library at Cushing Park near the Kent Street footpath entrance to the park. Ms. Kennedy volunteered to act as steward of the library. **Motion to approve Little Free Library at Cushing Park by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Permit approval: Artisan's shanties at Brown Square, Artisans Revival tents on Inn Street
Item was tabled

Permit approval: Yankee Homecoming

Motion to approve Yankee Homecoming permit application contingent on asking for donation according to the proposed fee schedule by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Permit approval: Cultural Survival Booths on Patrick Tracy Square

Motion to amend Cultural Survival permit application to include no more than 4 vendor tents at Patrick Tracy Square by Commissioner Popken, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Bartlet Mall: Approval of ½ court basketball renovation

Motion to approve ½ court basketball court project being donated by Blake Wilcox by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Flagpole at Washington Park

Commissioners listened to a proposal to install a flagpole at Washington Park.

Motion to deny installation of flagpole at Washington Park by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Atkinson Common

Commissioners discussed tree work proposal by Bartlett Tree. Parks Manager Mike Hennessey said he would make recommendations via email. Commissioner Ellsworth stated the Belleville Improvement Society could commit \$1,000 to planting flowers at Atkinson Common and would fund three memorial trees at the common.

Commissioners authorized posting of signs on a post near the tower at Atkinson Common to promote the project.

Patrick Tracy Square

Motion to approve installation of chess tables at Patrick Tracy Square contingent on grant funding by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Popken. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Meeting adjourned 7:24 p.m.