

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission  
August 19, 2021**

*Senior Community Center Outdoor Tent, Newburyport, Massachusetts*

Call to order: 6:02 p.m.  
A quorum was present

In attendance: Kimberly Turner, Matthew Ellsworth, Charles Griffin

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Michael Hennessey, Ted Boretti, Saillant, Connor Mulholland

**Motion to take the agenda out of order by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

**Motion to accept a late file regarding placement of new benches at Cashman Park by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

**NEW AND OLD BUSINESS**

*2021 Harborside Half Marathon & 5K*

Commissioners ask

- that the neighbors be notified of the next meeting to approve this event
- that food and beer activities be moved away from the off leash area.

*Cashman bench locations*

**Motion to approve the Master Plan plan for bench placement at Cashman Park as presented by Commissioner Turner but without moving the bench located on the river side of the Harbor Walk by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Bench-public art donation*

Commissioners discussed a bench-public art piece being donated by artist Connor Mulholland valued at \$1,500 and being donated in memory of friends lost to the opioid epidemic.

Commissioner Griffin suggested the need for an agreement

**Motion to approve donation of bench-public art with plaque to side with name of piece, artists' name and the words "donated in memory of . . ." by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Value at \$1,500.*

*Chair at Butterfly Garden*

Commissioners declined to discuss the issue of a donated chair at the Butterfly Garden.

*Extension of permit fee waiver*

**Motion to extend COVID fee waiver through December 31, 2021 to be reviewed again at the November 2021 Parks Commission meeting by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*MGWMCF Recommendations*

All commissioners opposed to St. Paul's application for use of funds from The Mayor Gayden W. Morrill Charitable Foundation for improvements to their church yard.

**Motion to approve the following recommendations by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

- **Reallocate \$1,600 from Margaret Atwood Interpretive Panel project to the application for Garrison Birthplace Signage in Garrison Gardens;**
- **Allocate \$10,000 to Atkinson Shed Beautification including replacement of garage door with carriage-style door;**
- **Allocate \$40,000 to construction of a pickleball court at Atkinson Common**
- **Allocate \$60,000 to the Bartlet Mall Restoration project for the purchase of granite to edge the pond.**

*Revision to Bartlet Mall Management Plan for short-term use of fertilizer on slopes*

**Motion to approve use of fertilizer until 90 days before pond cleanup begins by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Approval of Meeting Minutes*

Commissioners noted the following edits to minutes: June motion for approval of little free library at Atkinson Common was by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin.

**Motion to approve June 17, 2021 minutes with edits as noted above by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

**Motion to approve July 15, 2021 minutes with no changes by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

**Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Adjourned 7:38 p.m.*