

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission
August 20, 2020**

Moseley Woods Pavilion, Newburyport

Call to order: 5:00 p.m.

A quorum was present

In attendance: Kim Turner, Charles Griffin, Paul Swindlehurst, Matthew Ellsworth

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Heather Shand, Richard Banks, Meg White, Greg Lynch, John Santaniello

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

REVIEW MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of July 23, 2020 by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion to approve minutes of August 6, 2020 as amended by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Swindlehurst. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF LATE FILES

Motion to accept late filed items by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Application to erect tent on Inn Street at Vera Ristorante

Restaurant owner John Santaniello asked to be allowed to erect a 20' x 30' tent on Inn Street park to cover the area where his outdoor restaurant seating is. The tent would be a Navatrak, no-stake tent that withstands winds up to 115 MPH. **Motion to allow tent installation on Inn Street by Vera Ristorante dependent upon the issuance to the Licensee of all permits and licenses required to undertake the allowed installation in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations and governmental requirements from those governmental agencies having jurisdiction, including but not limited to the Newburyport Building Department, by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Application for license for winter outdoor seating for Vera Ristorante

Motion to allow outdoor seating on Inn Street by Vera Ristorante from November 16, 2020 through May 14, 2021 without additional fee in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the License to Enter and Use Real Property between the City and Vera Ristorante to be executed prior to November 16, 2020 by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Flag applications

Rich Banks, Gold Star and Military Flags

Commissioners listened to an application by Richard Banks of 32 Hale Street, Newburyport to permanently allow 2 Gold Star flags representing two local youth who lost their lives in military service as well as the appropriate military flag (in this case, Army).

Motion to allow only the American flag, the Massachusetts state flag and the municipal flag and no others by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Swindlehurst. Motion failed.

Motion to allow the American flag, the Massachusetts state flag, the municipal flag, the Gold Star flags and any relevant military flags at Bartlet Mall and Brown Square only by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. Roll call vote, 3Y, 1N (CG)

Include Coast Guard flag as permanently approved to fly in parks

Parks Director Reid requested that the Coast Guard flag be allowed to fly at Bartlet Mall justified by the fact that Newburyport is the birthplace of the U.S. Coast Guard and is known as the "Coast Guard City."

Motion to allow the U. S. Coast Guard flag to fly at Bartlet Mall and Brown Square by Commissioner Swindlehurst, seconded by Commissioner Turner. Roll call vote, 3Y, 1N (CG)

Installation of 20ftx65ft netting at Cherry Hill Soccer Fields (NYSA)

Motion to allow Newburyport Youth Soccer Association to install 20' x 65' athletic field net near the southern parking lot at Cherry Hill Fields by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Removal of Trees at Cushing Park (Meg White)

Commissioners listened to a request from Cushing Park neighbor Meg White of 19 Congress Street, Newburyport to remove Norway maples along the property line at Ayers Playground-Cushing Park saying that they have ruined her fence, are weeds that planted themselves and that as a result she is unable to plant a lawn or gardens.

Motion to table the item until the September meeting by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Murals on the Clipper City Rail Trail

Motion to allow Youth Services project to install temporary murals on the Clipper City Rail Trail fence behind Harrison Street contingent on all painting being done off site by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Approval of Revised Recommendations to The Mayor Gayden W. Morrill Charitable Foundation

Motion to recommend projects for funding to The Mayor Gayden W. Morrill Charitable Foundation as follows: irrigation for 270 Water Street, \$5,000; Gazebo at 270 Water Street, \$30,000; Joppa Walkway construction, \$10,000; installation of wells, \$53,000; and multiple fencing projects, \$12,000 by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.