

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission
November 18, 2021**

Senior Community Center Board Room, Newburyport, Massachusetts

Call to order: 6:00 p.m.
A quorum was present

In attendance:

Minutes

Motion to approve the October meeting minutes by Commissioner Swindlehurst, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS

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

Motion to accept a late file to review permission to enter Rail Trail to access 30 Winter Street by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Boretti. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Permission to enter 30 Winter Street

The commission reviewed permission given at a prior meeting to allow Eric Primack to access his property at 30 Winter Street and place a dumpster on public property. They discussed complaints that he destroyed city property, brought in heavy equipment, removed a bollard from city property before the aforementioned permitted agreement was fully executed.

Motion to revoke permission to enter 30 Winter Street via Clipper City Rail Trail based on actions taken preceding and damages prior to date of agreement by Commissioner Swindlehurst, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Cultural Festival on Inn Street, July 16 & 17, 2022 (Lois Honegger)

Motion to allow event to occur on portions of Inn Street under Parks Commission jurisdiction on July 16 and 17 based on existing fee structure with a 50% fee reduction, i.e. \$1,000 by Commissioner Swindlehurst, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Frog Pond Skating

David Keery founder of the Frog Pond Skating Club discussed his long-time volunteer efforts to maintain the ice at Frog Pond for winter skating. He asked that clearing leaves from the Frog Pond area be a top priority of City Staff to support ice clearing; said that an additional ATV would be helpful in ongoing ice maintenance efforts; and asked if the City had a standard

release form that could be used for volunteers who were operating the Parks ATV for snow clearing. Director Reid said she would coordinate hot cocoa nights with Mr. Keery. Commissioner Turner said she would send out a mass email to potential volunteers if Mr. Kerry provided the content.

Revision to Donated Bench Style on CCRT 1

Motion to approve the substitution of granite bench for a previously approved bench in the same location subject to supervision by Michael Hennessey by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Hope Garden on Clipper City Rail Trail

Motion to approve planting of bulbs in proposed location between granite blocks along path leading from CCRT1 to Graf Rink with a small plaque placed on an existing granite block by Commissioner Swindlehurst, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Permit to Hold a Bake Sale at Market Square, 11/21/21

Motion to deny permit on basis of application being incomplete by Commissioner Swindlehurst, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Four yes, one no (Commissioner Ellsworth).

New seating on CCRT 2 at Coombs Wharf

Motion to approve placement of rough granite blocks to be used as seating along waterfront side of Clipper City Rail Trail in the Coombs Wharf area with exact location to be approved before placement by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote. Commissioners asked Director Reid to provide pictures of specific bench locations.

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

Adjourned 7:37 p.m.

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