

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission and Bartlet Mall Commission Joint Meeting
January 11, 2018**

Call to order: 6:35 p.m.
A quorum was present

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

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Heather Shand, Bruce Vogel (see sign-in sheet for additional attendees)

Motion to accept late file agenda items by Commissioner Dykes, seconded by Commissioner Popken. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve Bartlet Mall Commission November Minutes by Commissioner Hanick, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Motion to approve Parks Commission December Minutes by Commissioner Dykes, seconded by Commissioner Popken. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Cornelius Doyle Triangle Renovation

Commissioners presented plans to renovate Cornelius Doyle Triangle veteran's memorial park located at "Three Roads" intersection. They invited public comment and questions regarding the project. No objections were raised to the project moving forward as approved at the December 2017 meeting with the following exceptions: commissioners agreed to consider adjusting the location of monument and/or eliminating addition of one of the dogwood to ensure the health of existing vegetation. Commissioners agreed to try to preserve and transplant existing perennials planted by Doyle family and friends. Parks Director Reid received a letter from Doyle family members in support of the project for use in applying for a grant.

Bartlet Mall Historic Renovation Project

Commissioners presented plans to execute a historic restoration of Bartlet Mall, highlighting a tree management plan with removals, and plans to disallow snow emergency parking from the playground area. Commissioners listened to concerns about loss of snow emergency parking, water quality, lack of shade due to tree removals, concerns about mowing the slopes, the need for fountain restoration and general maintenance. **Bartlet Mall Commission motion to approve Year 1 (2017-18) tree removals at Bartlet Mall by Commissioner Eigerman, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. So voted on a unanimous voice vote. Parks Commission motion to approve Year 1 (2017-18) tree removals at Bartlet Mall by Commissioner Dykes, seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Big Dog Sculpture Donation

Motion to recommend a donation of \$2,400 from Dale Rogers Studio to the Newburyport Parks Conservancy to be used for Bartlet Mall in lieu of receiving a previously donated “Big Dog” sculpture by Commissioner Hanick, seconded by Commissioner Eigerman. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Facility Use Fee Schedule

Motion to appoint a sub-committee made up of Commissioners Dykes and Lagasse to review and recommend a Facility Use Fee Schedule based on acceptance by Commissioner Lagasse by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Popken. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

LATE FILE: Project Recommendations for CPC Grant Funding

Commissioners discussed possible projects to be recommended for Community Preservation Act funding for the upcoming grant round. Suggestions included:

- Purchase of mature, specimen trees for Bartlet Mall
- Engineering study of the Swan Fountain at Bartlet Mall to determine steps to restoration or replacement
- Fuller Track improvements
- Reconfiguration of parking facility at Lower Atkinson Common along Merrimac Street

Meeting adjourned: 8:28 p.m.