

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission  
August 16, 2016**

Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

A quorum was present.

In attendance: Lisë Reid, Mike Hennessey, Councilor Sharif Zeid, Councilor Jared Eigerman (see sign-in sheet for additional attendees)

**Motion to waive the rules to take the agenda out of order by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Issues**

*Parking at Pioneer Fields*

Commissioners reviewed a request by Alanna Butler to use the parking lot along Merrimac Street at Lower Atkinson Park as overflow parking for a wedding reception she is holding on October 8 at a nearby residence. **Motion to parking request by Commissioner Sawyer, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Off Leash at Woodman Park*

The commission reviewed a request to designate Woodman Park as an off leash area. **The topic was tabled.**

*Lighting at Atwood Park*

Commissioners listened to residents' request to add lighting to Atwood Park. **Motion to install a light post contingent on available funding by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Popken. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Garrison Gardens "no dogs" status*

The commission considered a request to prohibit dogs at the new Garrison Gardens at Atwood Park. Commissioner Turner stated that some residents have asked for all of Atwood closed to dogs.

**Motion to deny any sort of ban on dogs in Atwood Park by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Director Reid said she would put up signage asking people to treat the park with care.

#### *Landscape plan at Three Roads traffic triangles*

Kevin Hunt introduced a proposal to make improvements to the World War I memorial at Cornelius Doyle Triangle which has become overgrown. Michail Mayer of Boy Scout Troop 251 presented an Eagle Scout project proposal saying he would remove dead shrubs, and add plantings including azaleas, arborvitae and catmint; and clean the tablet and rock. He has begun fundraising and will also use funds available through the veteran's adopt-a-brick program through the Newburyport Parks Conservancy. Two granite benches will be installed alongside the monument. **Motion to approve the project by Commissioner Sawyer, seconded by Commissioner Popken. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

### **PARKS DIRECTOR UPDATES**

#### **Current Projects**

##### *Parking signage at Joppa Park*

The commission reviewed a proposal to allow "no overnight parking" except for snow emergencies at Joppa Park.

**Motion to paint lower portion of seawall with parks logo; no striping on pavement; to designate each parking space with a vertical line to delineate space by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

#### **Permitting**

**Motion to approve the Greater Newburyport Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Grand Tasting Event on Inn Street on September 22 by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Popken. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

### **MEETING MINUTES REVIEW**

**Motion to approve June and July 2016 minutes by Commissioner Sawyer, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

### **BUDGET/EXPENDITURES REVIEW**

Commissioners approved bills for 8/1 and 8/15 warrants.

Meeting adjourned 7:54 p.m.

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