

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission
January 19, 2017**

Call to order at 6:10 p.m.

A quorum was present.

In attendance: Kim Turner, Ann Lagasse, Karen Popken, Ann Dykes

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Mike Hennessey (see sign-in sheet for additional attendees)

NEW BUSINESS

Issues

Dog Park

Director Lisë Reid presented plans for a fenced in dog park at 179 Low Street to be funded mainly by a grant from the Stanton Foundation. Commissioners heard comments from neighbors regarding traffic load on Low Street, dangers to dogs due to proximity of park to street, cost to taxpayers, maintenance, and fundraising.

Handicap Parking at Atwood Park

Director Reid presented a request to place a handicap parking spot at Atwood Park on School Street. Commissioner Lagasse recommended placing it close to the entrance to Garrison Gardens. **Motion to approve new handicap parking spot on School Street adjacent to the Garrison Gardens entrance contingent on City Council approval by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Popken. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Joppa Park Boat Ramp Improvements

Motion to approve permanent, boat-only parking at Joppa Park boat ramp by Commissioner Lagasse, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote. Commissioner Turner asked that all materials choices be reviewed by Parks Commission before acceptance.

Commissioners recommended keeping the boat ramp width at 16 feet.