

## **Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission**

**August 6, 2020**

*Cushing Park, Newburyport*

Call to order: 5:01 p.m.

A quorum was present

In attendance: Kim Turner, Charles Griffin, Paul Swindlehurst

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Heather Shand, Kristin Donahue, Peter D'Ambrosio, Mary D'Ambrosio, Meg White, other neighbors not accounted for on sign-in sheet

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

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### *Restoration of Kent Street Common*

Parks Director Lisë Reid presented a proposal to restore Cushing Park to the historic green space once called Kent Street Common by remove existing asphalt parking lot at Cushing Park and replace it with grass and other gardens, walkway(s) and a central water feature. Commissioners listened to resident comments including parking concerns, desire to keep some hard space for basketball, bike riding, etc. No action was taken.

#### *Recommendations to The Mayor Gayden W. Morrill Charitable Foundation*

Commissioners asked Director Reid to discuss with Robert Morrill the following funding recommendations to The Mayor Gayden W. Morrill Charitable Foundation for 2021:

Bartlet Mall, signage - \$42,000

Bartlet Mall walkways - \$34,000

Joppa Park walkway - \$24,000

Fencing, multiple projects - \$10,000