

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission**  
**July 23, 2020**  
*VIA REMOTE COMMUNICATION*

Call to order: 6:02 p.m.  
A quorum was present

In attendance: Kim Turner, Charles Griffin, Matthew Ellsworth

Also In attendance: Michael Hennessey, Lisë Reid, Jim Kazmer, ADD FROM ZOOM  
RECORDING

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Scout Canoe trip, request to camp at Moseley Woods, Jim Kasmer*

**Motion to Boy Scout overnight camping in Moseley Woods, any location within the park, contingent on scheduling park use through the Parks Dept permitting web page by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Special Flag Displays at Bartlet Mall Flagpole*

In response to a complaint about a "Blue Line" flag being displayed on the flagpole at Bartlet Mall, the commission discussed re-installing the flags at the donor's request.

**Motion to limit flags flown in any city park to national, state and municipal flags with other flags being considered on a case by case basis through application to the Parks Commission by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*COVID-19 Hardship Permit Fee Waiver Extension*

**Motion to support extension through October 31, 2020 of a time-limited ordinance to amend Chapter 11 of the municipal code regarding parks and recreation in response to the Covid-19 pandemic by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Special Public Meeting*

Commissioners agreed to hold a special public meeting to discuss the Kent Street Common proposal, Recommendations to The Mayor Gayden W. Morrill Charitable

Foundation and other items that were not covered at tonight's meeting. The meeting will be held outdoors at Cushing Park at 5 p.m.

#### **REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion to approve minutes for June 2020 by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Adjourned 7:04 p.m.