

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission
January 16, 2020**

Senior Community Center Board Room

Call to order: 6:00 p.m.

A quorum was present

In attendance: Kimberly Turner, Matthew Ellsworth, Karen Popken, Charles Griffin

Also In attendance: Michael Hennessey, David Jurgelon, Lisë Reid (left at 6:30)

NEW BUSINESS

Reduction of fee for GNOCA Lantern Festival

Motion to set fee for 2 hours at 50% of the standard rate by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Vera Ristorante license; operating hours

Commissioners amended the license agreement allowing Vera Ristorante to utilize a portion of Inn Street for outdoor restaurant seating to include hours of operation extending until 1 a.m. with alcohol service ending at midnight.

GNSA permit fee barter agreement

Commissioners asked Parks Manager Hennessey and David Jurgelon to each come up with field care proposals including costs, so that commissioners could weigh the cost benefits of barter vs. in-house field care.

Tree removals at Cushing Park

In response to a request by a Cushing Park abutter to remove trees from the park, Commissioners agreed to inspect the trees before making their determination.

Install additional dog waste station at CCRT2 & Parker St

Motion to approve installation of a dog waste station on the Clipper City Rail Trail at Parker Street by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.