

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission  
December 16, 2021**

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Call to order: 6:01 p.m.

A quorum was present

In attendance: Kimberly Turner, Paul Swindlehurst, Charles Griffin, Ted Boretti

Also in attendance: Lisë Reid, Michael Hennessey, Jeffrey Blake (KP Law), Eric Primack, Jeff Horne, Sean Reardon

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Use of Rail Trail to access 30 Winter Street*

Director Reid read aloud a Parks Department recommendation (attached). Commissioner Griffin expressed concern about ability to deliver dumpster via rail trail without significant damage and urges installation of dumpster on Winter Street only. Commissioners expressed concern about expanded scope of work beyond just the installation and servicing of the dumpster. Commission agrees not to take any formal action. Director Reid cautioned Mr. Primack and Mr. Horne not to pressure the city to fast track the process to execute a decision before the next regular Parks Commission meeting.

*Nu Kitchen Outdoor Seating at Patrick Tracy Square*

Katie Taricani-Hickey and Joshua Van Dyke presented their plans for repairing and developing an outdoor seating area at Patrick Tracy Square. Commissioners asked for revisions to the plan and the item was continued until the January meeting.

*Extended Parking at Moseley*

Director Reid introduced the idea of expanding formal parking at Moseley Woods to include the area stretching along the left side of the drive as one enters the park (see attached figure).

**Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Swindlehurst. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Adjourned 7:45 p.m.*



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Dear Commissioners,

In response to the request of Mr. Eric Primack to enter and use the Clipper City Rail Trail to access and work on the back of his building at 30 Winter Street, we offer the following comments.

Per an email dated December 9, 2021 Mayor Holaday has recommended that the Parks Commission allow Mr. Primack the access requested stating, "I have reviewed emails, spoken to Lise and had a long conversation with Mr. Primack this afternoon. I believe his sincerity in apologizing for the tree [removal], excavator and all. I do not see how he can complete the major demolition in the rear of the house without access through the rail trail. He will work with the commission on this project and will improve the site including planting more trees by the rail trail. With the funds in escrow and detailed license agreement I think you will be able to make this work for all parties."

While the Parks Department would like to cooperate with the mayor's recommendation and allow Mr. Primack to complete his project, we have some concerns and one comment in favor of allowing access:

1. there will be significant, ongoing negative impacts to trail users;
2. there could be significant negative, long-term impacts to the asphalt trail surface itself, as it is not design for frequent heavy equipment traffic;
3. the Parks Department does not have enough staff to monitor and/or enforce an agreed upon schedule and any assistance needed for ac;
4. there is a good chance the public land involved will be more attractive when the planned landscaping project is complete.

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Finally, should the Parks Commission grant access, we recommend that the work be completed within 30 days or that the commission at least make it clear (as is stated in the license agreement) that it will reconsider renewing permission after 30 days, and that it has the right to revoke permission at any time for any reason.

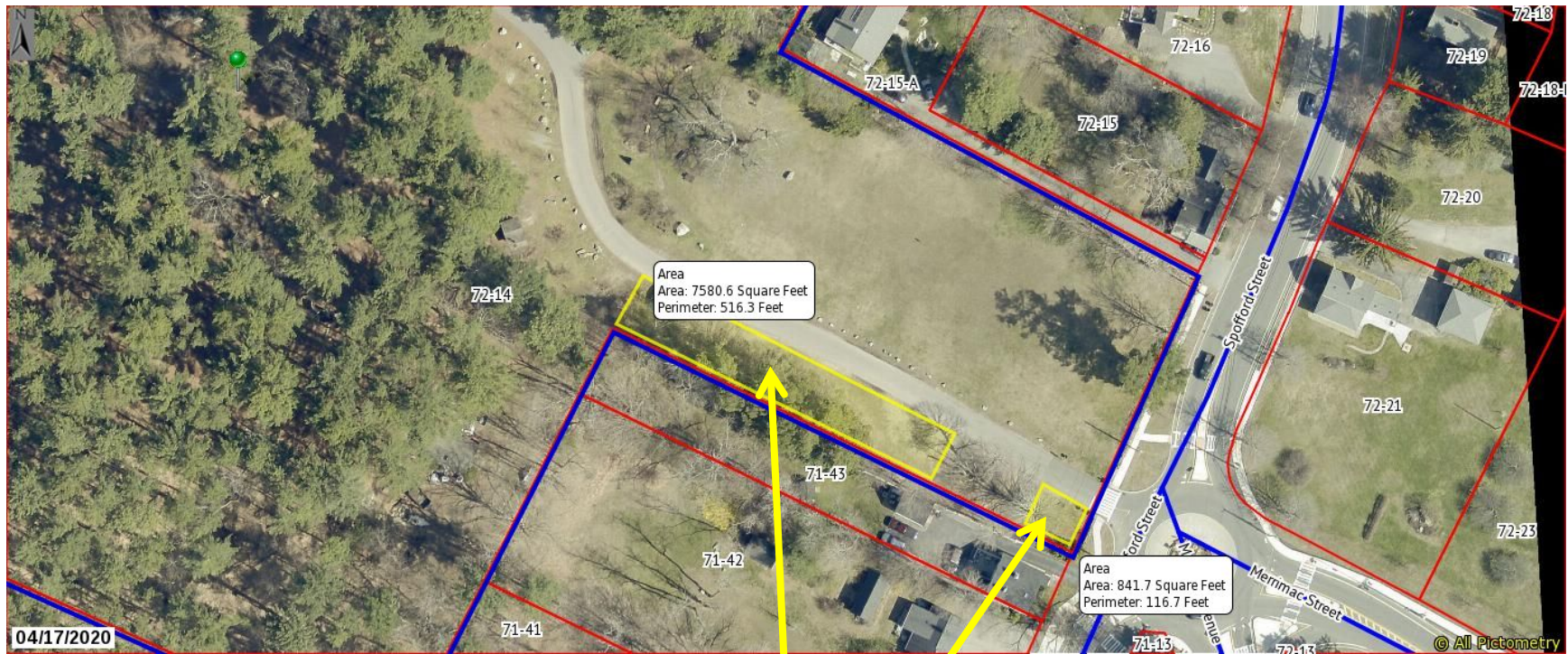
Sincerely,



Lisë Reid  
Parks Director



## ADDITIONAL PARKING AT MOSELEY WOODS



Proposed additional parking indicated in yellow