

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission  
April 24, 2017**

Call to order at 6:10 p.m.

A quorum was present.

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

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Mike Hennessey, David Pierre, James Jones

*Naming of Cashman Rest Facility*

Commissioners discussed a proposal to name the new restrooms at Cashman Park “Romeo’s Rest Stop” in memory of Romeo Dorval. The topic was tabled indefinitely.

*West Row Café proposal for Inn Street*

Commissioners considered a proposal by West Row Café owner David Pierre to license a portion of the Inn Street park area behind his building for use as outdoor restaurant seating. **Motion to approve contingent upon a written agreement with the Parks Commission that will include an annual cash or in-kind donation including capital improvement of Inn Street to be coordinated with Parks Department Staff by Commissioner Lagasse, seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Pickle ball, permanent lines on tennis courts*

Commissioners heard a presentation by James Jones of Newburyport Pickleball regarding the growing popularity of Pickleball in Newburyport and nationwide. **Motion to approve painting of Pickleball lines on the tennis and basketball courts at Perkins Park as a pilot for Pickleball programming by Commissioner Sawyer, seconded by Commissioner Turner. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Geo Cache at Atkinson Common*

Commissioners discussed a request to install a geocache site at Atkinson Common. **Motion to approve installation contingent on coordination with Parks Manager Hennessey by Commissioner Popken, seconded by Commissioner Lagasse. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**