

Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission

February 18, 2021

Via Zoom

Call to order: 6:04 p.m.

A quorum was present

Link to meeting recording

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In attendance: Kimberly Turner, Matthew Ellsworth, Charles Griffin, Paul Swindlehurst
(leaving at 7:24 p.m.)

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Michael Hennessey, Paula Estey, Michael Paige, Stephen Petersen

REVIEW OF MEETING MINUTES

Motion to accept December 2020 meeting minutes by Commissioner Swindlehurst, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. Roll call vote. 4 yes. Motion passes.

NEW BUSINESS

Off road bikes damage, signage at March's Hill Firehouse Executive Director John
Motion to approve signage similar to that installed at Atkinson Common to encourage residents not to damage vegetation by Commissioner, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. Roll call vote. 4 yes. Motion passes.

Additional HUDDLE garden on Rail Trail

Motion to approve two new edible gardens on the Clipper City Rail Trail to be supported by volunteers of HUDDLE with specific location to be determined by parks staff and Commissioner Turner by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. Roll call vote. 4 yes. Motion passes.

A policy about using city parks as staging areas for construction projects

Commissioners discussed a policy to regular staging of non-park projects on park property drafted by Director Reid. Commissioners asked Director Reid to discuss the policy with Mayor Holaday.

Parks Master Plan & Capital Improvement Plan

Commissioners discussed a strategy for identifying master plan priorities. No action was taken.

Annual grant recommendation schedule

Commissioners asked Director Reid to make some corrections to the grant summary and redistribute. Commissioners asked Director Reid to generate a list of annual grant programs and their submission deadlines and any known funding amounts.

Fundraiser to remove fountain for renovation

Commissioners discussed the proposal to remove the fountain, via contracted labor, while the ice is frozen and storage of the fountain . **Motion to approve removal of fountain pending funding by the Mayor Gayden W. Morrill Charitable Foundation or another source by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. Roll call vote. 3 yes. 1 absent. Motion passes.**

Parks Director Update

Director Reid invited comments and questions about the update she had distributed prior to the meeting.

Adjourned 7:57 p.m.