

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission
September 9, 2021**

Senior Community Center Program Room, Newburyport, Massachusetts

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

In attendance: Kimberly Turner, Matthew Ellsworth, Charles Griffin, Paul Swindlehurst

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Michael Hennessey, See sign in sheet

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

Minutes

No changes

Motion to approve the August meeting minutes by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

NEW AND OLD BUSINESS

2021 Harborside Half Marathon & 5K

Motion to approve the 2021 Harborside Half Marathon use of Cashman Park by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Sign Installation at Butterfly Garden

Size needs to be consistent with other signs. Item tabled.

2021 Newburyport Half Marathon

Motion to approve the 2021 Newburyport Half Marathon use of Cashman Park by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Holiday House Tour Market at Bartlet Mall, December 11, 2021

Snow clearing will be provided by organizers under direction of Parks Manager. **Motion to approve event with setup on promenade or Pond Street grass area by Commissioner Ellsworth, seconded by Commissioner Griffin. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

MassBays display at Harbor Walk

Commissioner Swindlehurst asked to see content of signs and a prototype banner. Commissioner Turner to see it placed on fence at waste water treatment facility (WWTF) abutting Clipper City Rail Trail (CCRT). Director Reid said she would contact Department of Public Services to get their feedback on using the WWTF fence. Item tabled pending more info.

Bartlet Mall Restoration Plan Review and Approval

Motion to approve granite edging around pond perimeter contingent on Conservation Commission approval by Commissioner Griffin, seconded by Commissioner Ellsworth. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.

Art Donation Agreement Review

Commissioner Swindlehurst asked that we create a simple agreement indicating that the donor is giving the art to the City and that the Commission has the ability to dispose of it as the Commission wishes. Director Reid agreed to coordinate the agreement with the City Solicitor.

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

Adjourned

7:12 p.m.