

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission-Bartlet Mall Commission Joint Meeting  
October 10, 2017**

Call to order: 6:09 p.m.

A quorum was present for each commission

In attendance: Andrea Eigerman, Joanna Fernandes, Ellen Hanick , Constance Maas, Karen Johnson, Kim Turner, Ann Lagasse, Karen Popken, Ann Dykes, Steven Sawyer

Also In attendance: Lisë Reid, Mike Hennessey (see sign-in sheet for additional attendees)

*Proposal for Historic Restoration of Bartlet Mall*

Commissioners discussed elimination of winter parking on the Bartlet Mall,

**Motion to approve Phase I of Bartlet Mall Historic Restoration Project including: water quality cleanup; repair damage to the grass banks; mowing of grassy slopes to achieve a manicured appearance; clear vegetation from waters edge; and define a broad beach of local sandy gravel around the pond as it was historically and also Phase II tree work only by Commissioner Eigerman, seconded by Commissioner Johnson. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

*Joppa Park boat ramp proposal*

Assistant Director Deputy Chief Engineer Doug Cameron from Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game's Office of Fishing and Boating Access presented new proposal for replacement of the Joppa Boat Ramp, saying reconstruction of the ramp at full existing width would negatively impact the wetlands protection act as the entire ramp is bordered by salt marsh. Following public comment on his proposal Mr. Cameron allowed he would be willing to advocate for replacement of the ramp at full width but may need support in justifying the need to wetlands protection act permitting agencies.

*Changes to Pickleball Program*

Commissioners listened to comments from advocates for Pickleball as well as residents with complaints about the pickleball program at Perkins Park. It was noted the program in the parks has ended for the season. The commission took no action.

*Picnic tables on Inn Street*

Growing Humanitarians volunteer group presented a plan to put tables on border of Inn Street playground. Commissioner Turner offered to create a landscape drawing to propose change of plan to The Mayor Gayden W. Morrill Charitable Foundation who have funded improvements to that area. No further action was taken.

*Permitting*

**Motion to approve Loco Sports, LLC Running Race on Clipper City Rail Trail on November 19, 2017 and Green Stride Running Race on Clipper City Rail Trail on October 22, 2017 by Commissioner Popken, seconded by Commissioner Sawyer. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**