

**Minutes of the Newburyport Parks Commission
18 June 2015**

Call to order

A quorum was present.

In attendance: Kim Turner, Steve Sawyer, Karen Popken, Ann Lagasse

Also in attendance: Lou Lessard, Heather Rowe

Review of meeting minutes

Commissioners reviewed May 2015 minutes. **Motion to approve by Commissioner Sawyer, seconded by Commissioner Lagasse. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

NEW BUSINESS

Issues

Lower Atkinson East Parking Lot Improvements

There was a brief discussion by Pioneer League on gravel parking. **Motion to approve gravel parking lot improvements by Commissioner Sawyer, seconded by Commissioner Popken. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Towle Barn Building update, bathrooms

Commissioners listened to a presentation about the Towle Building project by Heather Rowe. Commissioners expressed a preference for what was originally presented to the commission (architectural plan showing two stories), but understand the new options to be bathrooms or nothing. Ms. Rowe ensured that the Mayor is committed to a consolidated maintenance of bathrooms. Commissioner Popken expressed concern that any future events at Cashman do not rely solely on these new bathrooms, but still require porta-johns. **Motion to approve bathrooms at Cashman Park pending the review of the design, size, and location of the building by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Popken. So voted on a unanimous voice vote.**

Meeting adjourned 7:45 p.m.