

Newburyport Waterfront Trust

Report to the Mayor

FY 2019

July 2018 – June 2019

Trust Mission

The mission of the Newburyport Waterfront Trust is to hold, manage, maintain, and conserve in perpetuity the natural resources of the public lands entrusted to it for the residents of the Newburyport, West Newbury, and Newbury in particular and also for the general public.

Trust Background

The Newburyport Waterfront Trust was established in January, 1991. The Trust property is governed by five Trustees. For information regarding its formation, property description, and additional details please visit the Trust website – newburyportwaterfronttrust.org.

Current Trustees

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Committee Assignments</u>
Steven Hines	Chair	12/31/20	Waterfront
Wilbur Shenk	Co Chair	12/1/24	Parks
Dan Mello	Secretary	12/31/21	Waterfront
Sean Bradley	Treasurer	12/31/23	-
Matthew Pieniazek	Trustee	12/31/19	Parks

Park Manager: Edith Heyck

Accomplishments

General

1. Good faith partner in recurrent and protracted negotiations with City of Newburyport and NRA to consider transfer of NRA lands to the Trust as well as potential amendments to the Trust document. This effort resulted in NRA gifting 50% ownership of the tidelands to the Trust with the other 50% going to the City and a general agreement for the Trust to work with the City (and Harbor Commission) to collaborate in the future
2. Ongoing management of Firehouse contract and relationship, returned \$2,470 to the Firehouse for the support of their rest room facilities.
3. Maintained information on website, created page on LinkedIn and added content to Instagram account

Waterfront - Maintenance

- Lease and manage 4 tour boats during the summer months. These include a whale watch, and two harbor tours. Due to the owner of the 9th Wave owner selling his boat in the winter on short notice we were unable to have a boat rent that space for the summer of 2019.
- Purchased and refurbished dock from 9th Wave owner. Actively looking for a replacement tour boat.
- Lease and manage 2 fishing boats in embayment over winter FY19
- Repair of several electrical boxes in the embayment that were crushed by boats.

Waterfront - Activity

- Successful Touch-a-Boat event 6-1-19
- Successful partnership with Customs House for visiting historical ships
- Met several times with the Harbor Commission to open discussions on sharing waterside revenue.

Park - Maintenance

- Ordered four additional Adirondack chairs for popular waterfront seating
- Painted benches and signs
- Power washed the Matthews Memorial seating area per ongoing maintenance
- Performed ongoing maintenance of park lawns, shrubbery, and trees
- Replaced all light bulbs and repaired 16 lamps throughout the park at a cost of approximately \$10,000
- Landscape planning consultation
- Received gift donation of flag to replace damaged flag
- Repaired vandalized electrical boxes at the stage
- Added 8 cigarette disposal receptacles at the entrances of the park
- Deep root fed and trimmed the sycamores along Somersby Way
- Sprayed appropriate trees to prevent damage from insects (moths)

PARK - Activity

- Rhythm and Roots Festival 7-7-18
- Successful Yankee Homecoming partner 7-28-18/8-5-18
- Chamber Waterfront Movie Series – Three nights
- Bluegrass Festival Concert 8-22-18
- Successful Riverfest with largest attendance recorded, over 6,000 attendees 9-1-18.
- Jeanne Geiger Walk 10-14-18
- Tai Chi Day Celebration 4-27-19
- Second Annual High School Performing Arts DAY 6-8-19
- Good Karma Yoga Event 6-21-19
- 4 weddings

- 2 new dedicated bench plaques
- 63 exercise classes
- 16 Yoga sessions

Collaborations

- New outside seating at the Black Cow restaurant
- Cost sharing with NRA to maintain adjoining landscaping in efficient use of resources to maintain the park.
- Appointed representative of Trust to become more involved with Chamber of Commerce
- Worked with city to plan environmental studies and apply for AUL. The Waterfront Trust sponsored a Title I environmental study on the East and West Lots
- Worked with the NRA to update the land survey of waterfront lands.
- Maintained agreements and relationship with city to provide snow and ice removal

Goals – Fiscal Year 2020

- Complete negotiations on our parking contract with the City
- Develop a waterside revenue sharing agreement with the Harbor Commission and the City
- Update and record the plot plan once city verifies all the deeds
- Update the landscape MOU with the city as it becomes appropriate
- Find a sailing catamaran touring boat to replace the 9th Wave
- Consider partnering with someone to replace Riverfest
- Carry out our new projects list as part of our 2020 Annual Plan

Goals – Long Term

- Work with the city and the Settlers to update the waterfront trust documents where necessary.
- Deed the firehouse patio over to the city.
- Work with the city on the new expanded park design, funding and construction.
- Take ownership of the expanded portion of the new park once operational funding is in place.

Waterfront Trust 2019 Actual and 2020 Budget

INCOME	Budget	Actual	Budget
Categories	FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020
Parking - City	\$70,000	\$52,500	\$70,000
Tour Boats	\$24,940	\$26,270	\$20,000
Firehouse Lease	\$8,862	\$6,647	\$8,862
Park Activity	\$13,300	\$15,575	\$8,000
Winter Fishing Boats (2)	\$1,500	\$750	\$750
Donations/Reimb	\$17,450	\$13,352	\$15,300
Reimbursement			
Interest	\$100	\$107	\$110
Total Income	\$136,152	\$115,201	\$123,022

EXPENSES	Budget	Actual	Budget
Categories	FY 2019	FY 2019	FY 2020
Szczechowicz, base	\$21,144.00	\$21,144.00	\$25,119.00
Snow Removal	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Other Landscaping	\$6,500.00	\$13,213.00	\$7,550.00
Park Maintenance	\$23,800.00	\$12,380.00	\$39,625.00
Services	\$50,340.00	\$24,576.00	\$41,110.00
Memorial Plaques	\$1,000.00	\$522.00	\$1,000.00
Insurance	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,900.00
Firehouse Toilet Use/DA Wilkin	\$3,670.00	\$1,200.00	\$3,600.00
Miscellaneous Expense	\$1,000.00	\$3,336.00	\$1,000.00
Total Reoccurring Expenses	\$110,754.00	\$76,371.00	\$122,904.00
Projects 2019	\$44,200.00	\$5,649.00	\$36,418.00
Total Expense for Year	\$154,954.00	\$82,020.00	\$159,322.00
NET INCOME for Year	-\$18,802.00	\$33,181.00	-\$36,300.00