

Parks Commission Meeting
Thursday 2/8/24 6:30pm
1750 Washington St or Remote

In person attendees: Shaw Lively, Brian McDonald, Steve Bigelow, Richard Morse, Melissa Kaspern, Mark Frank, Shannon Cornwell, Bob Nemet

Meeting Minutes of Previous Meetings

Mr. Bigelow made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 2024 meeting, Mr. McDonald seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Eagle Scout Presentation

Jack Baribeau joined the meeting to discuss his plans for two additional boat storage racks at Pleasure Point. Mr. Bigelow made a motion to fund the project with an amount not to exceed \$600. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Budget Discussion/Vote

Ms. Kaspern made a motion to approve the budget of \$164,534 for fiscal year 2025. Mr. McDonald seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

School Committee Presentation Follow Up - Old Flagg School Space

Due to technology issues during the presentation at the school committee meeting further discussion was needed to clarify the project. Mr. Frank and Ms. Cornwell met with Cynthia Listewnik. The commission would like to see a request for funding for engineering added to the May 2024 warrant.

300th Celebration dates at Stoddard Park

There are requests for two separate events to be held at Stoddard Park. The first is in July and one in August. The commission discussed waving the parking fees and adding or pulling the lifeguards. Ms. Cornwell will gather more detailed information from the organizers. The commission would like to have a police detail and additional lifeguards. Ms. Kaspern made a motion to allow grilling during the two events. Mr. Bigelow seconded the motion, all were in favor, motion carried.

Project Updates

- HHS backstop - The project is underway, foundation work is complete. Being under budget, Mr. Frank would like to add additional improvements to the area.
- Goodwill Park - The new bid opens Wednesday, 2/14/2024.

Other Business

Ms. Cornwell reported that summer camp planning is underway, the registration process has changed and we are interviewing all counselors-in-training. A kayaking program is being added to Camp Patoma. There is potential for renting the new kayaks, but further discussion/planning is needed.

Mr. McDonald will discuss field improvements and punch list items for the spring with Mr. Frank. Each year at the ceremony after the opening day parade different members of the community are invited to participate. This year Mr. McDonald is inviting the Parks Commission, Mr. Frank and Ms. Cornwell to join on May 5, 2024.

Mr. Bigelow noted that the Girl Scouts were selling cookies at Blair Square quite a bit. This was approved and booths around town are all tracked by their coordinator.

The title search for 260 Woodland Street was completed. Further review of the report is needed.

The survey regarding the development of multiple green spaces was sent out in January.

Mr. McDonald made a motion to adjourn at 7:48pm. Mr. Bigelow seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.