

## **Park and Recreation Commission- Special Meeting**

### **Minutes of the Meeting**

**January 13, 2021**

**Meeting called to order:** 7:32pm.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** George Caye, Genevieve Coursey, Ritu Goel, Michael Kelly, James Hennessey, Renee Powell, and Dan Rezende.

**Also in Attendance:** Erica Evans, Ray Favreau, John Caldwell, and Kerry Macchi

**Approval of Minutes:** Motion made by James Hennessey and seconded by George Caye to approve the December 9th minutes. Passed unanimously.

**Public Input:** None present

**Report of Council Liaison:** Councilor Evans shared that, with the approval from the commission at the last meeting, the council retracted the resolution to name the roadway between parking lots at VMP, and unanimously voted to approve the naming of the lap lane pool instead. Everyone involved is happy with this decision.

**Special Reports:** Ray shared with the commission the mostly completed drafts of the initial chapters of the Master Plan. We will be sending the drafts so they can review and send suggested edits back, and hope to have a completed document by the end of the month. The plan is to present it to the council for adoption next month.

**OSTF:** George Caye shared that they discussed two properties at the last meeting:

- 220 Scantic Road- the OSTF recommended to the council that they purchase this property, as it is being sold for only \$1. Erica shared that they have only discussed it in executive session thus far, and it has not been publicly discussed.
- 93 & 99 Dart Hill Road- the OSTF is concerned about the price, but feels like if it is purchased at the right price, it is a good property for the town to obtain.

**Report of the B of E Liaison:** None due to the absence of the liaison.

**Report of Parks and Rec. Director:** Ray Favreau, Director of Parks and Recreation provided updates on the following:

- The parks division used the time of the pandemic where the fields and grounds were not being used to do some much needed work.
- The recreation division has been busy staying productive, doing whatever programs possible to keep our residents busy.
- The recreation division is waiting for the sports sector rules to be posted, and have a few possible plans for basketball. It will also depend on available gym space. The DPH and DECD plan on running Spring sports similar to how they ran in the fall.
- The design for the cross town trail bidding was awarded to a company named Anchor. They are moving forward with a two-phased process, and SWW&WW is working on ways to apply for more money.
- The town is looking at going out for a municipal bond, which would include a stadium field at the 11 acres in Nevers Park. Ray shared the old and updated drawings with the plans for this project.
- All the outbuildings at 1355 Ellington Road and the Priest Property have been removed. The house at 1355 Ellington Road is next to come down.

**Discussion Topic:** Genevieve noticed on the grant application that there was an indication that the town needed to focus on diversifying its leadership, and she wanted to bring it to the attention of the commissioners.

**Other Business:**

**SWW&WW:** No reports

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:56pm – motion made by George Caye and seconded by Dan Rezende- passed unanimously.

**Next Meeting: February 10, 2020**

Respectfully Submitted – Kerry Macchi, Administrative Secretary