

Yarmouth Parks & Lands Committee

MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT

Date: May 1, 2019

Time: 6:04 – 7:48 pm

Monthly meeting

Community Room Town Hall

Chair: Jay Waterman

Notes taken by: Mary Webber

Committee members:

Town Council, Staff & Guests:

Karen Massey (2019)

Erik Donohoe, Parks Specialist

Mary Webber (2021)

Tim Shannon, Council Liaison 6:29

Lisa Small (2019) Excused

Mary Thorp (2019) Excused

Jay Waterman (2021)

Richard Brimberg (2020)

Ebrahim Fazeli (2020)

Helpful abbreviations and acronyms:

FGFP – Fels-Groves Farm Preserve

RRP – Royal River Park

FKF – Frank Knight Forest

RWP – Riverfront Woods Preserve

PBP – Pratt’s Brook Park

SFEP – Spear Farm Estuary Preserve

PLC – Parks & Lands Committee

WST – West Side Trail

* Call to Order, 6:03pm.

* Approval of April meeting minutes – Karen moved, Richard, 2nd. Unanimous.

* Current Planning Board Submission reviews (for May 8)

Patriot Insurance – asking for parking lot expansion. PLC recommends a public pathway on the river side of the parking lot, to link Bridge St., and across RT1, the Beth Condon Path. Karyn will send recommendation to Planning Board.

Lafayette Street/Gendall Memorial - A takeout restaurant is in discussion stages, offering contribution to the Memorial, seeking to use site for tables/benches. Discussion of trash, the restaurant would be responsible for disposal.

* Project Updates

Village Run/trail/path – Two Eagle Scouts proposing to do pathway, projected budget of \$4,00-4,500, covered by \$7,500 from Village Run developers. Brief discussion of possible future development of adjacent town-owned parcel, Possible site for F6 conversion exchange.

Bark Park – Waiting to hear if Tom Downing will assume leadership. Reviewed draft survey from Sarah Witte for developing a weighted site selection matrix. Next meeting, May 15, 6:30 pm.

West Side Trail – Erik – bid opening tomorrow. Contractors not able to get all work done within planned timetable, will divide project into two parts to meet grant criteria.

Royal River Park paving – Walkway from Beth Condon Pathway to Bridge St. will be repaved shortly. Jay suggested considering downward lighting to replace current flood lights in parking, park entrance areas. Could consider for next week's CIP.

- **Signage standards subcommittee** – As available, Karyn, Lisa, Mary will walk Main Street to gather more ideas on materials, design, etc.
- **Miscellaneous** – Tim raised issue of **PBP Management Plan** which has been accepted by, but not approved for implementation by the Town Council. He offered to get it on the workshop schedule, and then voting agenda for Town Council June meetings. Discussion of holding off until a Bark Park proposal is ready. PLC supports separating two issues, with immediate action on PBP MGT Plan.
- **Erik** – Volunteer groups are being scheduled at various sites for after-work hours. Karyn mentioned Key Bank work day at RRP on May 15th.
- **July 3rd meeting** rescheduled to July 10.
- Motion to adjourn, 7:48, Karen, 2nd, Richard, unanimous.