



Rockport Parks and Beautification Committee

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Minutes March 21 ,2023 Rockport Public Library, Richardson Room - 12:30 PM

Members Present	Doug Cole (co-chair); Paula Coyne (co-chair), Eric Winters, Tricia Dixon, Steve Smith, William Frolich and Marilyn McWilliams (secretary)	
Members Absent	Sally Cook	
Alternates Present		
Alternates Absent	Lee Goss	
Liaisons Present	Mike Young (DPW)	
Liaisons Absent	Denise Munger (Select Board)	
Guests Present		

Agenda topic	Discussion	Action
1. Minutes	Tricia moved to accept the Minutes of February 21, 2023 meeting, and Paula seconded.	<i>Minutes approved.</i>
2. Parks brochures	Doug let us each take brochures to distribute around town.	

<p>3. Parks Review</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Memorial Park - Large limb was lost during recent storm. DPW has already cleaned it up. 2) Glen Cove 3) Goodrich Park 4) Walker Park - Merry-go-round has arrived. DPW to assemble and install as weather allows. We then discussed the ethos of ‘carry in/carry out,’ and decided to keep this policy as is, as it is working. 5) Mary Lea Park - The April meeting will include a presentation from Asa Peats (landscape designer) 6) Harbor Park - a) Buildings & Grounds will perform the mowing; b) the Harbor Master Assistants will perform the weed whacking; c) we will ask the Harbor Master Assistants to spread Scott’s fertilizer on the grass; and Mike reported that the birch tree near the kilns may need to be removed. 7) Cramer Park 8) Koninen Park 	<p><u>Doug (or Mike)</u> to talk to Abby about her assistants helping with items b & c in Harbor Park.</p> <p><u>Doug & Mike</u> to check out the birch tree near the kilns (item d under Harbor Park).</p>
<p>4. DPW</p>	<p>Mike reported 2 current employees may soon retire and replacements will be hired.</p>	
<p>5. Review of Harbor Park commercial use & shared responsibilities document</p>	<p>We discussed the document dated 3/21/23 and the discussion resulted in one other suggestion: that the kayak rack be moved to the other side of Goose River (near the fisherman’s parking) and then we transfer the oversight to the Harbor Committee.</p>	<p><u>Doug</u> to consult with Sam Temple and then present the revised document to the Select Board for approval.</p>
<p>6. Inventory of Parks’ picnic tables</p>	<p>Marilyn discussed her Assessment of Parks’ tables. The ensuing discussion resulted in the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) We suggest adding a table to Memorial Park. b) We suggest adding an additional table in Walker Park. c) Tricia offered to assess the conditions of the tables at Glen Cove. 	<p><u>Mike</u> to have DPW paint the benches per the report (large green table near the Harbor Master office, 2 tables under cover near the kilns in Harbor Park, and in Walker Park - replace the seat of the table under cover in the lower position).</p>
<p>7. Coordination/ scheduling of tasks between DPW and Parks Committee</p>	<p>Doug said all requests for DPW tasks should be emailed to Brandy Hare in the Town Office (bhare@rockportmaine.gov).</p>	

<p>8. New Business</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Relocation of kayaks in Harbor Park. 2. Spring trash pick up - Paula made a list of volunteers for each village street and for Glen Cove (see next column). 3. We discussed removing some ‘Welcome to Rockport’ signs, and the need to have the remaining ones repainted/replaced so they are legible. We also discussed removing extraneous signs. Eric suggested moving the ‘Drug Free Zone’ sign from Mary Lea Park to Cramer Park. 4. We agreed that the fine tuning of Memorial, Goodridge and Mary Lea Park would be necessary after the Farley clean up of those parks is completed. 	<p><u>Mike</u> to arrange for moving of kayak rack after Select Board approves the Harbor Park commercial use document.</p> <p><u>Clean up assignments:</u> <u>Doug:</u> Russell Ave. <u>Tricia:</u> Central St. <u>Marilyn & Tricia:</u> Camden St. from behind Rocknak’s to Grove St. <u>Eric:</u> Grove St. & other half of Camden St. <u>Denise:</u> Union St. (w/ possible help from another) <u>Doug</u> to speak with Denise. <u>Paula:</u> Fisherman’s Wharf & Glen Cove <u>(with Mike first removing tree and speaking with Taylor about replanting.</u> <u>We need 2 volunteers to split Pascal Ave.</u></p>
<p>9. Requested update on Wall area on Russell St. area of library</p>	<p>Doug reported that the stone facing is done. The loam will soon be applied, to be followed by landscaping. The project should be 100% complete in a couple of months</p>	
	<p>Adjourned at 1:35. <u>Next meeting:</u> <u>Tuesday, April 18, at 12:30 PM</u> Respectfully submitted: <i>Marilyn McWilliams</i>, secretary</p>	