



## Rockport Parks and Beautification

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April 14, 2021 - 5:00 P.M. – via ZOOM and Livestream

In attendance: Haunani Wallace, Doug Cole, Bill Frolich, Sue Kauck, Mark Kelley, Sally Cook, Eric Winters, Lea Anne Dunton, Mike Young, Paula Coyne, and Sandy Hurlbut.

### **MINUTES:**

**Approval of Minutes** Haunani moved to accept the minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting as written, Sally seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **Update on Mary Lea Park Concerts**

Doug referred the committee to the attachment that was sent out via email showing a layout of the park. Sally asked if all the construction materials on Sandy's Way will be an issue since they will probably be there all of this summer? Doug said that the concerts are purposely planned on Sunday afternoons so this won't be a problem. Sally then mentioned that she believes that Stuart Smith owns land at the bottom of the park and questioned if he is aware of the plan and OK with it? Doug said he was not aware of Stuart owning any parcel of the park will speak with him.

Mark asked who will coordinate with the Town about the concert events. Doug said the plan is to decide the specific weekend dates and give them to the town and then, once the town gives to OK, musicians will be found to fill in the slots. Mike pointed out that Brandy is the contact person in the town office who will get the dates on the calendar.

Haunani made a motion that the committee request approval from the Select Board for concerts to be held in Mary Lea Park per the original document establishing the park, Sally seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Doug will introduce the request at the next Select Board meeting, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Committee Member**

Haunani introduced Paula Coyne as the committee's new member, replacing Anna Remsen.

### **Update on Library Landscaping**

Haunani raised the issue of whether the landscape design for the Russell Ave side will work in the space as it exists. Sally said that Steve Smith thought the plan for the bench, two trees, and grass is still viable. Haunani will contact Steve to discuss this.

Doug stated that his main concern with the remaining landscape work to be done is that Bill Post is leaving and so he is requesting leadership from Denise and Mark to make sure the project is seen through to successful completion. Mark stated that the Select Board knows that they need to be more "hands on" during the interim between Town Managers and will do so.

Mike added that Rhino will be resuming work at the site next week.

### **Update on DPW Loose Ends**

Haunani reiterated the committee's request for pruning of the large willow tree at the edge of Memorial Park and asked that it be made a priority. Mike agreed to have it pruned next week. Mike also stated that the plaque is currently being installed on the stone for Walker Park and will be done soon.

Haunani requested that DPW also prioritize mulching at the triangle (Pascal & Rt. 1) as well as mulching in Memorial Park and the Post Office. Mike and Haunani will meet at the MP to agree on the specific areas.

Doug requested that the committee be able to look at the contracts with the landscapers for the new year prior to them being signed. Mike thought they were being finalized and said that would be possible.

Mike reported that rototilling for the new Community Gardens will be done next week.

### **Clean-Up Rockport**

Haunani requested that anyone interested in volunteering to help please email her and she will assign streets as that information is made available from Maggie Timmerman.

### **Meet In Person Next Month?**

While the committee did vote by a majority to do this, a subsequent directive has been issued by Bill Post stating that no town committee meetings in person are permitted currently and must be held via Zoom.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Haunani reported on several items:

The committee Google Doc will be reinstated for use throughout the season. Mike suggested that **Report It, Fix It** be utilized also.

Haunani met with Legacy Rockport regarding the Museum in the Streets initiative. They are very interested in supporting this, including some funding. A committee has been formed to work on this, members are: Haunani Wallace, Denise Munger, Doug Cole, Marci Casas Annis, and Lynda Clancy. It is the hope of the group that additional funding will come from people and/or organizations sponsoring signs.

### **Next Meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be Wed., May 12, 2021 at 5:00pm on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Hurlbut