



# Rockport Parks and Beautification Committee

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## Minutes April 18, 2023 Rockport Public Library - 12:30 PM

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

| <b>Agenda topic</b>  | <b>Discussion</b>  | <b>Action</b>            |
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| <b>1. New member</b> | Doug introduced our newest member: Ali Angell.                                     |                          |
| <b>2. Minutes</b>    | Sally moved to accept the Minutes of the March 21, 2023 meeting, and Lee seconded. | <i>Minutes approved.</i> |

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| <p><b>3. Parks Review</b></p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Memorial Park - We discussed the very poor condition of the rhododendrons, and decided they may need more water. The grass needs improvement. Ali has noticed that the flags are becoming ripped in the high winds.</li> <li>2) Glen Cove - Tricia gave us her picnic table assessment report.</li> <li>3) Goodrich Park - Needs raking</li> <li>4) Walker Park - The merry-go-round should be installed soon.</li> <li>5) Mary Lea Park - Asa Peak's park design presentation is delayed until the May 16 meeting.</li> <li>6) Harbor Park - The grass needs improvement. Tricia reported that a tree near the kiln is down. We need to have more kayak racks. There is waiting list to obtain a place to keep one's kayak there. It is a revenue loss for the town to not have another rack, and we believe the cost of building a new one would be small. The placement of the kayak racks needs to be reconsidered. Lee suggested we should invite Abbie to our May meeting to discuss the kayak rack issue.</li> <li>7) Cramer Park - Denise mentioned that a committee is being formed to analyze the plan for the plant. Steve Smith is heading a separate committee for citizen input.</li> <li>8) Koninen Park -</li> </ol> | <p><i><b>Doug</b> will ask Tom Farley to turn on the irrigation system for the rhododendrons.</i></p> <p><i><b>Doug</b> to continue his conversation Jonathan Duke regarding the grass in Memorial Park.</i></p> <p><i><b>Ali</b> to text Jason re: the ripped flags and to mention that they should be lowered/ taken down when wind is predicted.</i></p> <p><i><b>All of us</b> should check out a possible location for a kayak rack on the other side of the bridge.</i></p> <p><i><b>Doug</b> to invite Abbie to our May meeting.</i></p> |
| <p><b>4. DPW</b></p>          | <p>Mike absent. Denise suggested that if he cannot attend a meeting he should give us a written report.</p>  | <p><i><b>Doug</b> to discuss with Jon.</i></p>  |
| <p><b>6. Old Business</b></p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Doug distributed clean up materials for our street clean-up. He also asked us to complete those volunteer duties by the 5/16 meeting. (Tricia and Marilyn are cleaning their portion of Camden St. on 5/17, due to travel plans.) The Leo's will clean up Union St. between Graffam's and the Arch. Ali will help Denise on her section of Union St. Lee and John will clean Pascal St., and Tricia will be available to assist, if needed.</li> <li>2. The Select Board will take up our commercial use policy at their May 8 meeting.</li> </ol>   |   |
| <p><b>7. New Business</b></p> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. RES proposal.</li> <li>2. The meetings times for the 3rd Tuesday regular meetings will now take place at 3:00 PM.</li> </ol>   | <p><i><b>Doug</b> to invite Mary Jane Young to our May 16 meeting to discuss the RES proposal to come forward to the town.</i></p>  |
|                               | <p>Adjourned at 1:25.<br/> <b>Next meeting:</b><br/> <b>Tuesday, May 16, at 3:00 PM</b>, at the Library<br/> Respectfully submitted: <i>Marilyn McWilliams</i>, secretary</p>  |   |

