



Rockport Parks and Beautification Committee

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Minutes June 20, 2023 Rockport Public Library - 3:00 PM

Members Present	Doug Cole (co-chair); Paula Coyne (co-chair), Sally Cook, Eric Winters, Ali Angell and Marilyn McWilliams (secretary)	
Members Absent	William Frolich, Tricia Dixon	
Alternates Present	Lee Goss	
Alternates Absent		
Liaisons Present	Denise Kennedy Munger (Select Board), Mike Young (DPW)	
Liaisons Absent		
Guests Present	Mary Jane Young (Leshar Family Foundation)	

Agenda topic	Discussion	Action
1. Memorial Park Rhodies	Sally trimmed those bushes and sprinkled Epsom Salts near the base. Marilyn reported that Buck stopped to look at them and reports that he thinks they will ‘make it;’ and to apply fertilizer.	<u>Doug</u> to take charge.

<p>2. RES review</p>	<p>Guest, Mary Jane Young (Leshar Family Foundation) discussed the voter-approved transition of the former RES site to a Rockport Community Park. She said the first step is to put together a working group of town members. Paula volunteered to be a member, and Eric also expressed interest. The Foundation has a good legal team behind them as consultants. Sue, the owner of DogPatch Farm is the co-ordinator of a new Rockport Farmer’s Market to be held starting tomorrow, every Wednesday from 3:00-5:30. Various other programs are being investigated, prior to breaking ground on the park: Children’s puppet show(s), Shakespeare performance(s).</p>	
<p>3 . Minutes</p>	<p>Sally moved to accept the Minutes of the May 16, 2023 meeting, and Eric seconded.</p>	<p><i>Minutes approved.</i></p>

<p>3. Parks Review</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Memorial Park - a) Area to left of the steps into the library needs to be planted. b) Sally reports that a dogwood is dead and another is not thriving. Sally bought a replacement and asked Mike to pick up at Plants Unlimited and then plant it. c) Doug reports that the maple tree will survive; that he will pull out the burning bush behind the memorial to allow the azalea to grow; that Farley is weeding the garden; that the terrace is complete; and he has a thank you note for us to sign for Linda. 2) Glen Cove - Mike reported that DPW put up a new fence prior to the seasonal opening of the park. DPW will also cut some trees and repaint the handicap spot. 3) Goodrich Park - The rose bushes are not doing well. We discussed various ground covers, host, vinca, geraniums to be planted. 4) Walker Park - The merry-go-round is installed. Mike states that 2 picnic tables will be added. 5) Mary Lea Park - Doug and Stuart Smith to talk, and Tyler indicated to Eric that he is willing to meet, too. 6) Harbor Park - The grass cutting is not going well. Marilyn expressed her wish that the garden outer edge be expanded by 4 inches, trenched, and mulched, so that a new sign iron (or other metal) fence replaces the current plastic fence. The trench and mulch expansion will make the installation easier, and will also make mowing around the garden easier. 7) Cramer Park - nothing to report 8) Koninen Park - nothing to report 	<p><u>Marilyn</u> to develop plant plan including alliums for area to the left of the entrance.</p> <p><u>Mike</u> to pick up and plant dogwood that Sally purchased.</p> <p><u>All of us</u> need to stop by the library front desk to sign that thank you card for Linda.</p> <p><u>Mike</u> to take care of the tree-cutting and handicap spot painting.</p> <p><u>Mike</u> to add those 2 picnic tables.</p> <p><u>Doug and Eric</u> to meet with both Smiths.</p> <p><u>Marilyn</u> will ask Haunani for the name of the vendor for the last cost estimate, get an update and bring to the RGC Board.</p>
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<p>4. New Business</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Annual Parks survey to be completed by all 2) The Rockport Historical Society is creating interpretive signs for the railroad and lime kiln areas of Harbor Park. 3) Sally suggests we ask Linda to come to the library terrace for a thank you event and glass of wine. 	<p><u>All of us</u> to to visit each park and write up a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) for each park by the August 15th meeting. <u>Sally</u> will co-ordinate this event once <u>Doug</u> confirms with Sally that Linda will attend.</p>
<p>5. Old Business</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Select Board will discuss our proposed Commercial Use policy for the parks at their 6/26 meeting. 2) The kayak policy needs further work prior to be presented to our committee for approval. 	<p><u>Paula and Ali</u> to further work on the kayak policy.</p>
	<p>Adjourned at 4:05. <u>Next meeting:</u> <u>Tuesday, July 18, at 3:00 PM,</u> at the Library Respectfully submitted: <i>Marilyn McWilliams</i>, secretary</p>	