



Rockport Parks and Beautification Committee

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Minutes September 17, 2024 Rockport Public Library - 3:00 PM

Members Present	Doug Cole and Paula Coyne (co-chairs), Eric Winters, Lee Goss, Alie Angell and Marilyn McWilliams	
Members Absent	Sally Cook, Bill Frolich	
Liaisons Present	Denise Kennedy Munger (Select Board) and Mike Young (DPW)	
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Guests Present	Abbie Leonard (Harbor Master), Orion Thomas (Planning & Community Development Director) and Richard Remson (Comprehensive Plan member)	

Agenda topic	Discussion	Action
1. Kayak rack policy update	Abbie reported that the new policy was an overall success for 2024. There are 8 available spots (all on top rack), and there are 5 on the wait list. There are 3-4 kayaks at DPW. There is one customer who claims his kayak is missing and wants reimbursement. Abbie and Jon Duke are working with him.	

<p>2. Comprehensive Plan discussion</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Doug requests that the Recreation Committee and the Parks Committee be separate sections, vs. being bundled. 2) Marilyn expressed concerns of areas where she thought the Parks Committee should be listed as a constituent and they are not. She was asked to share those particular items both with Orion and with the Parks Committee members. 3) Paula says the Parks Committees' Mission Statement and its 5-year plan should be read by the Comprehensive Plan committee so that could help guide them re: our committees' areas of responsibility. 	<p><u><i>Doug, Paula and Marilyn</i></u> to meet regarding items 2 and 3, and then to report to Orion and to our committee.</p>
<p>3. Minutes</p>	<p>Eric moved that the Minutes of the 8/18/24 meeting be approved. Doug seconded.</p>	<p>Minutes were approved.</p>

<p>4. Parks review</p>	<p>From last month's minutes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Plantings purchased and planted at Goodrich; 2) Mike still needs to have DPW remove lower branches of birches at Goodrich; 3) Denise still needs to check into TIF funds availability and to talk with Jon. After discussion the committee decided that this is not the time to pursue TIF funds for Mary Lea Park future project; 4) Doug is in process of emailing Brandy to ask Greg to assess the need of caulking Andre statue. Mike reports that he talked with Van Hune about fixing those cracks and then sealing; 5) Mike still needs to to have DPW weed whack along the path from Freya's and to make the granite steps there slippery-free; 6) Mike still needs to have DPW take care of dead trees at Glen Cove. He reports that DPW is to use the new excavator. Glen has repaired the sign for Glen Cove and will install it soon. 7) We decided not to purchase plants (hydrangeas) for Glen Cove around the sign; 8) Doug still needs to write to Jon Duke re: opening up Cramer Park; 9) Mike still needs to draft a work plan of what to do and when to develop Cramer Park for the Town; 10) Doug has requested Brandy to order new benches for Walker and Harbor Parks; 11) Sue Kauck will make sure no names on the Memorial in Memorial Park are blocked by plantings. 	<p><u>Doug and Mike</u> to follow up on Caulking and sealing of cracks of the Andre statue; <u>Mike:</u> items #2, 5, 6, and 9 to the left. <u>Doug:</u> to talk to Jon Duke about opening up Cramer Park.</p>
<p>5. Old Business</p>	<p>Improved SWOT report distributed. We will discuss in detail at our next meeting, on October 15th.</p>	<p><u>All members</u> to review in advance of the 10/15 to be ready to discuss. (Alie's report attached.)</p>

<p>6. New Business</p>	<p>1) Work date: For the work date of Sunday, 10/20, at 10:00 AM, we will meet the kilns for its Fall spruce up.</p> <p>2) Doug passed around thank you cards for all of us to sign for Farley, and for Shawn & Colleen for their work maintaining the boxes of plantings on the bridge.</p> <p>3) Art works in the parks: Discussion raised by Doug regarding whether anyone who wants to install anything in the Parks should first check with our Committee. Mike mentioned that Jon Duke makes these decisions We all agreed that we need a process. Doug will start by talking with Ben (of the library).</p>	<p><u><i>All members available</i></u> are asked to report for that 10/20 work date.</p> <p><u><i>Doug</i></u> to talk with Ben regarding art installations in Memorial Park.</p>
	<p>Adjourned at 4:18.</p> <p><u>Next events:</u></p> <p><u>Next meeting:</u> Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 3:00 PM at the Town Library.</p> <p><u>Workday:</u> Sun., 10/20, at 10:00 AM. at the lime kilns.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted: <i>Marilyn McWilliams</i>, secretary</p>	