



# Rockport Parks and Beautification Committee

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## Minutes December 19, 2023 Rockport Public Library - 3:00 PM

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

| <b>Agenda topic</b>               | <b>Discussion</b>  | <b>Action</b>            |
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| <b>1. Minutes</b>                 | Doug moved to accept the Minutes of the October 17, 2023 meeting, and Sally seconded.  | <i>Minutes approved.</i> |
| <b>2. New Business: TIF funds</b> | We reviewed our committee's draft of letter to Jon Duke and the Select Board and discussed. Denise advised that Fiscal Year 2024 (7/1/24 through 6/30/25) would be a tight year due to the unanticipated requirement that the town have its own ambulance service and employees. We decided that this letter requesting funds to improve Mary Lea Park be deferred to July 2024 for the following Fiscal Year. |                          |

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| <p><b>3. New Business: 2024/25 Budget and 5-year plan</b></p> | <p>We reviewed last year’s 5-year plan, first deleting the last sentence in the Committee Mission paragraph, and the last 3 sentences in following paragraph (Budgetary Impact). We deleted any budget items for signs, and made changes for numbers of benches to buy for each year. We changed ‘Repair’ of Memorial Park lawn to ‘Maintenance’ of, and included in each year. We also made a note to our selves that future Walker Park playground equipment development may diminish due to the new park being developed at the RES site. We also decided to order 2 new World’s Fair DuMor benches, 1 for Harbor Park and 1 for Mary Lea Park, with monies appropriated for Fiscal Year 2023/24.</p> | <p><b><i>Paula:</i></b> To update the 5-year plan based on our discussion.</p>  |
| <p><b>5. Old Business</b></p>                                 | <p>Commercial Use policy</p>   | <p><b><i>Doug:</i></b> To contact Sam (Harbor Committee chair) to see if that committee agrees with the policy, as written.</p> |
|   | <p>Adjourned at 4:15.<br/> <b><u>Next meeting:</u></b> Tuesday, January 16, at 3:00 PM at the Town Library.<br/> Respectfully submitted: <i>Marilyn McWilliams</i>, secretary</p>  |   |