



# Rockport Parks and Beautification Committee

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## Minutes October 15, 2024 Rockport Public Library - 3:00 PM

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

Agenda topic	Discussion	Action
<p><b>1. Action items from 9.17.24 minutes</b></p>	<p>Doug reviewed the tasks from those minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Doug, Paula and Marilyn met and submitted edits regarding Parks' in the Comprehensive plan to Orion</li> <li>b) DPW to take care of cracks in the Andre statue twice/year</li> <li>c) Mike was not present and did not submit a report of DPW action items</li> <li>d) Doug met with Ben and they agreed to stay informal and the library will check with Doug before any installations in Memorial Park.</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>Mike:</i></b> to perform caulking and sealing of Andre statue; and to report on action items from 9.14.24 minutes (removing lower branches of birches at Goodrich; weed whacking along path from Freya'; making granite steps in that area less slippery; taking care of dead tress at Glen Cove;; installation of new sign at Glen Cove.</p>
<p><b>2. Minutes</b></p>	<p>Paula moved that the Minutes of the 9/17/24 meeting be approved. Eric seconded.</p>	<p>Minutes were approved.</p>
<p><b>3. Parks review</b></p>	<p>In addition to the items reviewed above,:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) we agreed that the rhododendrons in Memorial Park are looking healthier</li> <li>b) Doug reported that he added fertilizer to the tree in the anchor area</li> <li>c) and the Committee decided that any action on Cramer Park should be delayed until the bridge work is completed.</li> </ul>	

<p><b>4. Discussion of SWOT parks analysis</b></p>	<p>We reviewed Alie’s summary and made note of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Memorial Park: Denise reported that extending parking at the library is on the Capital Improvement Plan</li> <li>b) Mary Lea Park: Would like to order another bench next year</li> <li>c) Walker Park: one bench is on order and we would like an additional one next year.</li> <li>d) Harbor Park: The Harbor Strategic Task Force will address the concerns of erosion, climate change risk, storms, and storm surges. We also discussed lime kiln maintenance.</li> <li>e) Goodridge Park: after bridge completion, we might want to add a bocce court</li> <li>f) Cramer Park: as discussed earlier, this park should be reconsidered after bridge completion</li> <li>g) Kononen Park: consider another bench next year, along with adding a bocce court or other yard game</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Denise:</u></b> to discuss with Legacy Rockport their thoughts on preserving all, some or none of the lime kilns.</p>
<p><b>5. New Business</b></p>	<p><b>Work date:</b> For the work date of Sunday, 10/20, at 10:00 AM, we will meet the kilns for its Fall spruce up.</p> <p>Paula to conduct 11/19 meeting, as Doug will be out of town. We will begin our discussion of the next year’s budget.</p>	<p><b><u>All members available</u></b> are asked to report for that 10/20 work date.</p> <p><b><u>Paula</u></b> will send out 12 month calendar</p> <p><b><u>Doug</u></b> will request Mike to be at that budget discussion on 11/19.</p>
<p><b>6. Old Business</b></p>	<p>Paula reviewed the Comprehensive Plan response.</p>	
	<p>Adjourned at 4:05.  <b><u>Next meeting:</u></b> Tuesday, Nov. 19, at 3:00 PM at the Town Library.  Respectfully submitted: <i>Marilyn McWilliams</i>, secretary</p>	

