



# Rockport Parks and Beautification Committee

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

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

<b>Agenda topic</b>	<b>Discussion</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>1. Minutes</b>	Paula moved that the Minutes of the 11/19/24 meeting be approved. Doug seconded.	Minutes were approved.
<b>2. Parks Update</b>	None. Mike neither attended or submitted a report.	

<p><b>3. Parks review</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) DPW action items are held over from the last two month's minutes and are repeated in the Action column to the right.</li> <li>b) Overhanging trees/shrubs need to be trimmed on the high sidewalk</li> <li>c) Circuit breaker in Memorial Park needs replacing</li> <li>d) GFI switch sometimes gets tripped at Christmas Tree in Mem. Park</li> <li>e) Discussed the need to check with Mike re whether DPW added wood chips to Walker Park play grid area, as recommended,</li> <li>f) Alie reported that the Mem. Park flag gets shredded every windstorm.</li> <li>g) Doug reported that 3 or so kayaks remain on the racks at Harbor Park. He has contacted Jonathan.</li> <li>h) Willows in Mem. Park need trimming.</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Mike:</u></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 Goodridge; weed whacking along path from Freya's; making granite steps in that area less slippery; taking care of dead tress at Glen Cove;; installation of new sign at Glen Cove. Trimming high sidewalk of overhanging trees/shrubs</p> <p><b><u>Glen:</u></b> to replace circuit breaker in Mem. Park.</p> <p><b><u>All members:</u></b> Keep an eye on GFI switch in Mem. Park.</p> <p><b><u>Mike:</u></b> to report on item e to the left (wood chips at Walker Park play area)</p> <p><b><u>Doug:</u></b> to contact Jonathan about the flag issue.</p> <p><b><u>Doug:</u></b> to talk to Mike about trimming willows in Mem. Park and trimming limbs at the high sidewalk across from Mem. Park.</p>
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<p><b>4. Old Business</b></p>	<p>a) We continued our discussion of the fiscal 2025/26 budget, and decided we need clarification from Colleen regarding the numbers before we can proceed further.</p> <p>b) Harbor Resiliency Task Force. Doug reported that 5 companies have responded to the Task Force’s RFP. All 5 to be interviewed on Jan. 19.</p> <p>c) Legacy Rockport decision re the lime kilns. Denise has not yet discussed with that committee.</p>	<p><b><u>Doug:</u></b> to talk to Colleen about the YTD Expense Reports for clarification of the credit card charges. Were they purchase charges or late fees?</p> <p><b><u>Doug:</u></b> to report back re the Task Force’s RFP interviews at the Jan. 21 meeting.</p> <p><b><u>Denise:</u></b> to contact Legacy Rockport re the lime kilns issue (preserve</p>
<p><b>5. New Business</b></p>	<p>1) Review updated 5 year plan. Deferred until next meeting.</p> <p>2) Bill brought up adding some landscaping (maybe beach roses?) near the water at Walker Park. Our committee emphasized that if we add any planting they need to be low maintenance, as Jonathan says DPW cannot maintain those plantings.</p> <p>3) Eric reported that someone from the RES Park will want to meet with us soon to keep us updated. The discussion among us then briefly centered on the extent/non-extent of our Parks Committee in the future maintenance of that Park. To be continued.</p>	<p><b><u>Doug:</u></b> to request a digital copy of Mike Young’s Parks’ report so we can continue to edit</p>
	<p>Adjourned at 4:25.  <b><u>Next meeting:</u></b> Tuesday, Jan. 21, at 3:00 PM at the Town Library.  Respectfully submitted: <i>Marilyn McWilliams</i>, secretary</p>	