

**PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION
TOWN OF NEEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS**

**Minutes of Meeting
February 14, 2022**

PRESENT: Christopher Gerstel, Michelle Geddes, Dina Hannigan

ABSENT: Cynthia Chaston, Bruce Williams

STAFF: Fabien Desrouleaux, Kristen Wright

Mr. Gerstel called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

1. Open Forum – Public Comment

None presented.

2. Chair’s Update

Mr. Gerstel stated that there was continued discussion about the Claxton project and would discuss the project further under capital projects.

3. Director’s Report

Mr. Desrouleaux reviewed the Director’s report.

Ms. Geddes discussed other Pickleball upgrades that can be implemented in the short term. Mr. Gerstel reviewed the discussion around the Boat Launch project from the CPC meeting the previous week.

4A. Fees

None presented.

4B. Capital Projects

Mr. Gerstel provided an update on the Claxton project as well as alternatives that have been discussed as the original scope of work may not be feasible at the current Claxton site. Mr. Gerstel stated that there would be a larger update and discussion at the February 28th meeting.

4C. CPC

Mr. Gerstel provided an updated on the remaining CPC projects. Ms. Wright stated that the Walker Pond application was withdrawn as other funding had been obtained.

4D. Playgrounds & Facilities

Ms. Geddes stated that she would like to circle back to the playground assessment and discuss the next playground project may be. The Commission discussed reviewing the asset plan at the next meeting.

4E. Trails Advisory Committee

Mr. Desrouleaux stated that Conservation Director Deb Anderson is working with the Committee and holding meetings every other week.

5A. Special Event Approvals

None presented.

5B. Bird Feeder Approval

Ms. Hannigan discussed the request to sponsor a bird feeder at the Town Common.

Mr. Gerstel made a motion to sponsor a bird feeder to be set up at the Town Common in a location to be approved by the Select Board. Ms. Geddes seconded the motion and it passed 3-0.

5B. Meeting Minutes

There was not a quorum to approve the minutes of January 24th and they will be deferred to the February 28th meeting.

6. Topics for Future Meetings

- Claxton Project

7. Issues Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair within 48 Hours

No presented.

8. Next Meetings

The Commission reviewed the next meeting dates.

9. Adjournment of Business Meeting

Ms. Geddes moved to adjourn the February 14, 2022, Park and Recreation Commission meeting at 8:10pm. Ms. Hannigan seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristen Wright
Administrative Specialist