

Canal Park Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: March 22, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: South Hadley Public Library

Members present were members Bacis, Fleming, and Resnick.

Guest present were Leo Labonte and Paul Lusignan

The meeting was to order at 6:00pm.

Minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting were approved. Motion made by Bacis and seconded by Fleming.

Open Forum:

Roger Beer and Tony Judge presented a short talk about the advantages to the Town and to the Committee that Community Preservation Act would provide. An informative discussion followed.

Correspondence:

None

Financial:

Bank Statements are being mailed to the CPC c/o Resnick.

Old Business:

Bacis met with Eagle Scout candidate Ethan McKeever at the Overlook to discuss his project to upgrade the circular bench. Before Ethan can begin his project, he must secure approval from local and regional state officials.

Bacis, Fleming, and Resnick reported on the joint meeting with Bike/Walk Committee. It was agreed that both committees share common goals; that joint programming and event planning would be beneficial.

There was further discussion about an application to the Conservation Commission for modification of the Orders of Condition that regulate maintenance at Canal Park. The Committee decided to meet march 31 at 4pm to measure, identify, and flag a preferred area for relocation of one of the approved pruning vistas prior to formal submission of a request for modification to the Conservation Committee. Resnick will set up a meeting with Conservation Officer Janice Stone for her feedback.

Resnick presented a edited draft letter of support to the Conservation Commission. The Committee approved the edited draft. Resnick will sign and send the letter.

Members and guests discussed CPC participation in Holyoke Infrastructure Day May 14. Lusignan will provide a slide show of his historic photos. Labonte is committed to participate in the Holyoke event but will try to make some time to attend our event with materials similar to those used in his remarks at the public library grand opening event. Resnick will contact organizers so that CPC and SHPL can be included in promotional efforts. Resnick will contact Diane Laroche to determine if the Historical Society and Firehouse Museum would like to be open that day and participate in the event.

New Business:

None.

Our next meeting will be 6pm Tuesday March 31 at Bicentennial Canal Park.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,
Mitch Resnick