

Canal Park Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 19, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: South Hadley Public Library

Members present were Bacis, Constant, Fleming, and Resnick.
Guest present was Paul Lusignan.

The meeting was to order at 6:04pm.

Minutes of the June 21, 2016 meeting were presented and approved after it was noted that Fleming was not at the previous meeting. Motion made by Bacis and seconded by Fleming.

Correspondence:

None

Financial:

O'Malley fund balance = \$5,086.73 as of July 8, 2016

18-month CD balance = \$5,943.97 as of December 31, 2015; maturity date: 05/29/2017

FY16 Appropriation of \$900 fully expended

Approved FY17 Appropriation = \$900

Old Business:

Bacis reported that the project by Eagle Scout candidate Ethan McKeever at the Overlook is completed. Ethan needs the Committee's approval. While we were not entirely satisfied with the final project, it was decided to approve because Ethan did the best he could with minimal supervision. The Committee agreed that future project proposals be closely reviewed prior to starting; that definite procedures, adequate supervision, diagrams, and materials be specified to ensure fulfillment of all party's expectations.

At their June 29 meeting, the Conservation Commission regarded the CPC application to modify OOC attached to DEP File 288-311 favorably. The on-site meeting July 14 provided visual impact and supported our application. We met with Conservation again July 20, at which time we were notified to submit a Massachusetts Endangered Species Act (MESA) Project Checklist. That checklist with supporting documents was submitted via certified mail July 23.

At their meeting July 20, the Conservation Commission approved the extension of DEP 288-311 for five years through August 2021. Resnick delivered the paperwork to the Hampshire Registry of Deeds where it was filed and scanned. The originals were returned to the Conservation Administrator and a copy kept in CPC files.

New Business:

It was suggested that we reach out to Town Administrator Mike Sullivan to begin discussions about long term upgrades at Canal Park and to address potentially dangerous conditions at the sidewalks and handicap parking area. Possible date and time could be August 23 in the morning. Resnick will try to set it up with Mike Sullivan.

Open Forum:

River Road resident Paul Lusignan, a regular non-member attendee at our meetings and riverside history enthusiast extended an invitation to members and anyone interested to join him at his property at 396 River Road for a tour of his historic house and property. July 22 was the agreed upon date.

Our next meeting will be 6pm Tuesday August 23 at SHPL.

The Constant moved and Bacis seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitch Resnick