

Canal Park Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: August 23, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: South Hadley Public Library

Members present were Constant, Klepacki, and Resnick.

Guest present were Leo Labonte and Paul Lusignan.

The meeting was to order at 6:18pm.

Minutes of the July 19, 2016 meeting were presented and approved. Motion made by Constant and seconded by Klepacki

Correspondence:

None – see below

Financial:

O'Malley fund balance = \$5,087.16 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 = \$825

Resnick reimbursed by Town of South Hadley for \$75 filing fee MA Endangered Species Act filing with the state to approve local Cons Comm approval to move pruning vista

Old Business:

Janice Stone and Admin Asst Laura Krutzler forwarded to the Committee the positive response from MA Fish and Wildlife approving the application to modify OOC DEP File 288-311 to move a previously approved pruning vista. The Committee will be on the CC agenda 8/31 for final local approval.

Prioritized wish list for Canal Park improvements delivered to Mike Sullivan who met with some Committee members at the Overlook. He suggested an overhaul at the Overlook to rebuild the decking, seating, vista prune, replace sidewalks and fencing, restore lighting, add a bike rack, among others. Immediate and short term repairs were made to the sidewalk shortly thereafter.

Resnick reported on Mike Sullivan's report to the SB 8/2 in support of improvements; his report to Capital Planning; and his email thread with Mariann Millard of Bike/Walk Committee about installation of a bike rack.

Bacis, Fleming, and Resnick walked through Texon Mill Park to ascertain the best spot for memorial benches and will make a recommendation to the Committee before contacting HG&E.

New Business:

Resnick reported on his email thread with Mike Sullivan regarding CPC mission as defined in the town's by-laws. A lively discussion ensued that will be continued in future meetings when all Committee members can join in the conversation. The discussion included:

- The idea of removing references to the two HG&E controlled parks, as CPC has no management influence or authority at those parks
- Not eliminating these references so that the committee can be the town agency to monitor and report on conditions and to ensure geographic continuity of all Canal Parks' interests

Resnick reported discussion with resident Bob Berwick who offered his services to erect information signboards similar to those he constructed for the Town Farm.

Open Forum:

Guest Labonte invited the Committee to attend his talk at the Historical Society dinner meeting September 27 at All Saints Church about the history of the canal.

Guest Labonte requested information regarding the Theroux donation of land for CP. Resnick will forward copies of what we have to him.

Our next meeting will be 6pm Tuesday September 20 at SHPL.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mitch Resnick