

Canal Park Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: November 22, 2016

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: South Hadley Public Library

Members present were Bacis, Driver, Fleming, Klepacki, and Resnick.

Guest present was Paul Lusignan

The meeting was to order at 6:02pm.

Minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting were presented and approved unanimously. Motion made by Bacis and seconded by Fleming.

Correspondence:

- Resnick sent a thank you note to scoutmaster Brian Regan for the Cub Scout Pack 303 annual cleanup that occurred this year as part of the "Source To Sea" event on October 8, 2016; a thank you was also posted a the Pack's Facebook Page

Financial:

O'Malley fund balance = \$5,088.43 as of November 8, 2016

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

Approved FY17 Appropriation balance = \$750 after submitting the recent modification of DEP File 211-311 and its extension through August 2021 at Hampshire County Registry of Deeds

Unfinished Business:

- Status of Capital Planning request for upgrades at Bicentennial Park: TA received positive feedback from Capital Planning Committee but its report in favor of the appropriation is expected after all requests have been submitted and considered; costs will be paid out of free cash, not bonding; work is expected to begin spring/summer 2017; Phases I and II still favored to be completed in the near future; an undetermined annual maintenance appropriation is expected, roughly \$2,000 per Phase.
- Strategy for Town Meeting: joint trek, Appropriation hearing, KYT, Town Reminder
- Review and discussion of draft Canal Park Committee by-law modification submitted to Town Administrator for "cleanup"; Resnick requested that CPC see the final draft before it is published for STM
- Report on Joint Bike/Walk Trek November 20 The trek was well attended despite the cold, damp, and windy weather; Bacis was the hero of the day, having preciously during the week leading up to the trek installed a handrail at one of the boardwalk ramps, spray painted exposed roots in

the trail, removed trash and fallen limbs to make the trails safer and cleaner - Thank you Bill!!!!

- Redevelopment Authority draft plan for riverfront access and improvements has been developed without CPC input - Resnick will request that CPC be permitted to address the authority at its next meeting
- RA newspaper article stimulated 3 major concerns/questions that should be addressed:
 - BCP is not in the RA geographical boundary
 - CPC by-law revision - is RA aware?
 - Previous archeological studies by David Glassberg of UMass and other
 - There is a tentative RA meeting Monday 11.28 - CPC is on the agenda
- New Business
 - Resnick contacted Andy Bohne of New England Environmental Inc to re-draw the Maintenance Plan map to reflect newly modified pruning vista
 - Springfield Republican article re RA intentions for Canal Park and river access in the Falls

Open Forum:

None

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

Fleming moved and Klepacki seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitch Resnick