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SKLAR WATERFRONT PARK (Subcommittee of the Merrimack Conservation Commission)

Minutes for July 11, 2023

Memorial Room

6:00 PM

Members Present

Derek Trippet

George Theodorou

Katie Little

Karen Maillet

Anita Creager

Public Present

Dave Trippet

Mike Drouin

Members Absent

Kareen Dunn

Allison Mitchell

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

6:06pm - Public Comments:

No public comments

6:07pm - New Business

- 6:07pm - Mark Twardowski is planning to resign
- 6:09 pm - Officer Elections
Vote on Chair – George Theodorou
Motion made by Katie Little
Seconded by Derek Trippet
Motion passed

Vote on Co-Chair – Derek Trippet

Motion made by George Theodorou

Seconded by Katie Little

Motion passed

Vote on Secretary – Katie Little

Motion made by Derek Trippett

Seconded by George Theodorou

Motion Passed

- 6:15 pm - Mowing
Mike Drouin and Karen plan to mow on 7/23
- 6:25 pm - Picnic Table Maintenance
They need to be moved further from the water, cleaned and refinished
- 6:30 pm - Benches
New benches are on site, they were staked down with dog runs and the growth around them was mowed down with an electric lawn mower
Can we level around them? We need to follow up with MCC
We may move them further from the water or further down the trail
People are actively using them and have been received well by Merrimack residents
- 6:35 pm - Trail Maintenance
We would like to improve the entrance to the trails by the river
We would like to plant some native flowers near the rocks to improve the appearance
We need a plan for regular mowing
We would like to fix the ruts that impair residents' ability to safely walk the trails
There are several trees blocking trails – we will need to reach out to DPW for assistance
There are water issues on Eagle Bluff

George offered to go walk the trails and clear things/ report back any items that need town attention. He will be there 7/22 at 9:00 am and if any other members can join that's great.
- 6:50 pm - Social Media
Mike Drouin manages the Sklar Park Facebook page but is no longer on the subcommittee. George agreed to become an admin on the page.
Karen suggested a social media policy for the page to make sure posts remain in good taste.
We agreed to bring suggestions for a social media policy to the next meeting
- 6:55 pm - Officer Turnover

There is paperwork, email lists and other items that need to be handed off from the older leaders to the new leaders. Each new leader will work with the old leaders to schedule time for a proper hand off

- 7:00 pm - Honorary Members
Several former members would like to stay involved and asked if we could put together a formal group of volunteers so they can stay involved. We need to review the charge and ask MCC if/how this can be done.

7:07 pm - Other Business

- We need a member of MCC to become our rep
- How do we interact with MCC if we don't have a rep and there is no opportunity to speak at an MCC meeting?
- DO we need to have public comments added back to MCC meetings so we can ask these questions?
- How do we get the master plan for Sklar Park approved by MCC?
- George offered to ask current MCC members to sit down with new leaders to realign and schedule training for new officers of Sklar Park

7:15 pm - Approval of Minutes

- May 9, 2023
George Theodorou motioned to approve
Derek seconded
Motion passed

7:18pm - Adjournment

- George Theodorou motioned to adjourn
Derek seconded
Motion passed
Meeting adjourned at 7:18pm