

City of Keene
New Hampshire

ASHUELOT RIVER PARK ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

8:00 AM

SITE VISIT @ PARK

Members Present:

Arthur Winsor, Chair
Councilor Steve Hooper, Vice Chair
George Foskett
Judy Sadoski
Suzy Krautmann
Dave Whaley
Paul Bocko
Thomas Haynes, Alternate

Staff Present:

Andy Bohannon, Director of Parks,
Recreation & Facilities

Friends of ARP

freddie Martinez
Leslie Casey
Dian Mathews
Karen Flavin
Charles Ferando

Members Not Present:

1) Welcome & Call to Order

Chair Winsor called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes – June 2 & 16, 2020

Ms. Krautmann moved to approve the minutes of June 2, 2020, which Ms. Sadoski seconded and the Board carried unanimously.

Mr. Bocko moved to approve the minutes of June 16, 2020, which Ms. Krautmann seconded and the Board carried unanimously.

3) Finance Report

a. Budget Updates

Mr. Bohannon recalled that the budget, as presented on the last page of the meeting packet, was updated to reflect the recent invoices from AGM. The current expenditures are \$13,310.00.

4) Park Discussion & Review of Conway Improvements

Mr. Bohannon led a discussion about the final report from the students, and although they were not present, thanked them for the hard work and congratulated them on a job well done given the circumstances that they had to work under for such a public process.

After an overview of the project highlighting certain areas, the following questions came forward to be addressed at future meetings.

- Ms. Krautmann asked how do we prioritize the project now that we have a full plan?
 - o Mr. Bohannon replied that this will be the mission of the Board and the Friends over the next several months, it will be in the best interest of each group to fully digest the document.
- Ms. Krautmann asked relating to green infrastructure, how will we implement?
 - o Mr. Bohannon shared the results of the intern from Keene State College during the spring semester whose project will help guide us.
- Mr. Haynes asked about potential pollinator projects related to the project
 - o Mr. Bohannon responded that there are lots of opportunity for pollinators and a specific work cited in the project plan.
- Mr. Foskett asked will the Board be looking at costs associated with the JD trail entrance and has a concern about the composting toilet as it invites unsheltered guest and has been a recent problem.
 - o Mr. Bohannon – yes, the two groups will need to prioritize and estimate and begin to seek donations for various projects and address the unsheltered person problem.
- Ms. Krautmann asked will they be able to see the current Trust fund balances.
 - o Mr. Bohannon stated he would bring an update to the next meeting.

- Mr. Bohannon also shared that there have been some discussions about potential solar projects which is also highlighted in the master plan.

Mr. Bohannon shared that copies of the plan will be made available at the Recreation Center and the Board will be notified through the office.

5) Adjournment – Next Meeting is Tuesday, August 11, 2020

The Board agreed to meet at the Recreation Center for the August meeting.

There being no further business, Chair Winsor adjourned the meeting at 8:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Andy Bohannon, Staff Liaison
July 15, 2020