

PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, September 15, 2015 @ 6:00 PM

Open Meeting in the Ninigret Park

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Holly Eaves	Commissioner	Present	
Timothy Quillen	Chairman	Present	
Cheryl Dowdell	Vice Chair	Present	
Julia Beasley	Commissioner	Present	
Ryan Campbell	Commissioner	Absent	
Sonita K. Cummings	Commissioner	Present	
David Currier	Commissioner	Present	
Keith D. DeMerchant	Commissioner	Present	
Donna M. Deyorio	Commissioner	Present	
Jodi Frank	Commissioner	Present	6:40 PM
Richard E. Horstmann	Commissioner	Present	
Thomas L. Nowell	Commissioner	Absent	
Edward Vazquez	Commissioner	Present	

Also present was Town Council liaison Bonnie Van Slyke and Town Councilor George Tremblay.

2. NINIGRET PARK SITE WALK – DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION REGARDING THE COMMISSION'S PRIORITIES FOR NINIGRET PARK MASTER PLAN, AS REQUESTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL

The Commission started the site walk at the tennis courts where the current condition of the courts was discussed. The Commission discussed the potential cost of redoing the front courts and whether it could be a part of a capital improvement request or the bond money.

The Commission then went to the soccer fields where a brief description of how the fields are utilized was given. The Commission discussed potential sitting areas, storage areas and shade shelters.

Next, the Commission walked to the criterium bike course where resurfacing, the age of the course and a gate to prevent people walking over the course to the soccer fields was discussed. A buffer on the backside of the course between US Fish and Wildlife and the course was also discussed.

Signage at the entrance and throughout the park was discussed. Potential areas for signage and traffic signs were identified.

The Commission walked a trail behind the SR. Community Center. Overgrowth, invasive species and maintenance of the trails was discussed. The Commission discussed the potential width of the trails.

Removal of invasive species was discussed. Some of the invasive species were identified. Potentially planting trees that invasive species would not grow around was discussed along with volunteers to remove the invasive species.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.