

**PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**FINAL MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, June 28, 2016 @ 7:00 PM**  
**Open Meeting - Council Chambers - Town Hall**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Timothy Quillen	Chairman	Present	
Cheryl Dowdell	Vice Chair	Present	
Julia Beasley	Commissioner	Present	7:03 PM
Ryan Campbell	Commissioner	Absent	
Sonita K. Cummings	Commissioner	Present	
David Currier	Commissioner	Absent	
Keith D. DeMerchant	Commissioner	Present	
Donna M. Deyorio	Commissioner	Present	
Jodi Frank	Commissioner	Present	
Richard E. Horstmann	Commissioner	Absent	
Thomas L. Nowell	Commissioner	Absent	
Edward Vazquez	Commissioner	Present	
Holly Eaves	Commissioner	Present	

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Minutes - May 24, 2016

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Edward Vazquez, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sonita K. Cummings, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Eaves, Quillen, Dowdell, Cummings, DeMerchant, Deyorio, Frank, Vazquez
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Beasley, Campbell, Currier, Horstmann, Nowell

MOTION TO MOVE PUBLIC COMMENT UNTIL AFTER ITEM 5.J.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Cheryl Dowdell, Vice Chair
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Edward Vazquez, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Eaves, Quillen, Dowdell, Beasley, Cummings, DeMerchant, Deyorio, Frank, Vazquez
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Campbell, Currier, Horstmann, Nowell

3. COMMENTS FROM PUBLIC

TM Dyer of the Ninigret Park Disc Golf course noted that he was not a resident of Charlestown. He is the person who installed the disc golf course which started in 1996 and has been a twenty (20) year process and is not finished yet. He mentioned that on Father's Day there was someone parked on the tee getting ready to go biking. TM reported that he told the woman she was in the middle of the disc golf course and that she was in the way and that it was possible she could be hit by a frisbee and that if she was hit she would get hurt. Mr. Dyer then stood on a chair and threw a golf disc into a bucket with a watermelon. The watermelon was split. He reiterated that if someone is hit by a frisbee it wasn't a big deal but a golf disc was different. He mentioned that in Slater Park landscape architects were brought in to make the disc golf course safe and there is a path that goes across it and each time he goes there he tells them it won't work. He noted that in Ninigret Park people were paid to make it safe and that to build a path there was not enough room for a tee. He mentioned that discs could be thrown three hundred (300) feet.

Commissioner Dowdell recommended that at the Town Council meeting he should recreate his demonstration.

Mr. Dyer noted the Commission was discussing hiring the same designer for the entrance as was used for the Bike Path.

Mr. Dyer noted that disc golf is not passive recreation and that it needs its own exclusive space.

#### 4. TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

There was no Town Council Liaison report.

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### a. Flagpole Gardens Update

Cody Clarkin reported that the Seafood festival contract was rewarded. He asked how to go about having something dedicated in the park.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>NO VOTE TAKEN</b>
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##### b. Requested Legal Opinion from the Town Solicitor Regarding the Request from the Town Council for Holly Eaves to Meet with Faith Labossiere

Chairman Quillen reported that he had sent an email and there was no formal response. Mr. Quillen passed around a copy of the email he sent to the Town Administrator. It was reported that it was sent to the Town Council.

Commissioner Dowdell mentioned that a subcommittee would report back to a Commission.

Commissioner Eaves mentioned she had no intent on making decisions at the meeting and that whatever came out of the meeting would be brought back and that any recommendation would need Parks and Recreation approval and that legally she believed they were well within their bounds.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>NO VOTE TAKEN</b>
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##### c. Regarding the Town Council's Direction for Holly Eaves to Discuss with Faith Labossiere the Trail Committee's Draft Trail Plan and the Ad Hoc Bike Path Committee's Multi-Use Pathway

Commissioner Eaves reported that she and Faith Labossiere meet with the Town Administrator and Parks and Recreation Director. There was a map that came out of the meeting. Commissioner Eaves mentioned that the 5K designation is causing confusion. She noted that they are two (2) separate projects and are not going to overlap in any way. The Town Administrator has formed a brief email to the Town Council to that effect that says that they met and that there is no common ground met.

Commissioner Eaves mentioned there were two questions that came from the meeting that she wanted to share with the Parks and Recreation Commission. She noted her discovery notes that were in the agenda packet. She mentioned the 5K was a huge confusion. She noted she was looking to the Town Council before the project got too far. She suggested that the Ninigret Park Trails Subcommittee take the 5K off and that Parks and Recreation take it on as a separate item as a completely separate item.

Commissioner Eaves mentioned she was continually told the trails would be costly and that she was asked if the hiking and walking trails ended up being two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), would the Parks and Recreation Commission support that. She noted that they were not trying to change the surfaces, but to delineate them. She reported that she was being told by a number of people, but that she didn't have complete confidence that it was going to cost that much. She noted that the Trails Subcommittee wanted to keep the dialog open. She noted that the trails had been pushed aside and put on hold for the Bike Path. She stressed natural, varied surfaces for biking and walking.

Commissioner Eaves mentioned Pawaget Park as a bike path alternative.

Commissioner Dowdell noted that the trail at Pawaget Park was a third of a mile on semi pervious surface to get to the handicapped accessible platform and deck.

Commissioner Eaves suggested using Pawaget Park or someplace else as a start for the bike path. She reported she was told that Pawaget was passive recreation. She cited the costs of the project reported in The Westerly Sun.

Commissioner Eaves noted that they were trying to access and use hiking trails in the natural part of the park, that the area in the back is already used.

Commissioner Eaves mentioned maintenance; that a bike path would require less maintenance since a trail requires mowing back of the invasives as the bike path is predominately along roads.

Commissioner Dowdell asked if the trails were blocked going forward with a RFP.

Commissioner Eaves clarified that they were not blocked, but put aside and that the Town Administrator said they were going to figure out the bike path first.

Commissioner Dowdell noted the Town Council gave the directive in connection to the priorities which were the tennis courts and walking trails, and were placed highly on the survey.

Commissioner Eaves noted the trail is ready to go to RFP and that the 5k has clouded it, but that the goals were clarified at the meeting.

Chairman Quillen noted that at the September meeting the Commission walked the beginning of the trail and everyone was on board doing the minimum amount of mowing it back and cleaning the ground and that the Commission wanted the minimum and to keep it as natural as possible.

Commissioner Cummings noted she had brought up maintenance at the three meetings and that the Town has to take the responsibility of putting maintenance in the budget for these things. She noted that the Town has the machines to do the maintenance. If it is kept up year to year it will be less.

The Commission discussed the trails.

Commissioner Eaves noted the Subcommittee was going to meet again and take the 5k off the table and put it on the Parks & Recreation to-do list. She mentioned she can't go forward until there is an RFP.

Chairman Quillen noted that when the RFP goes out they need to have a voice in the language of the RFP so that the description is exactly what they are looking for, the minimum of disturbance and paving.

Commissioner Dowdell read an excerpt of the minutes from the Town Council, "(m)otion made by Mr. Gentz and seconded by Ms. Lee to amend the motion to request the Chair of the Bicycle Pathway Ad Hoc Committee and the Chair of the Ninigret Park Trails Subcommittee to provide a written advisory to the Town Council in July."

Commissioner Eaves mentioned that at the meeting the Town Administrator said that he would send an email. Commissioner Eaves noted that she wanted to see the email before it went out. She noted that she had made a correction because the Subcommittee was referred to as the 5k Subcommittee.

The Commission discussed the email and the corrections.

<b>RESULT:</b> <b>NO VOTE TAKEN</b>
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- d. Of a 5K Route Separate from the Trails Being Drafted by Trails Subcommittee

Commissioner Eaves noted there was an area in the back that 5K's use that doesn't get cut back; and that if it is a designated trail it should be maintained. The current draft of the 5K does hinge on getting the trails that they would like. There are 5K's being run and that it could be tabled for a few months until they can figure out the trails. That it would be nice to take a few hundred dollars and certify a 5k and if it was the trails and maintained it would be a huge value and that it would keep them off of the criterium and in a different space. She noted that the Trail Subcommittee, if the Parks and Recreation so desires can continue that after the trail piece. Commissioner Eaves requested to take that off the table for a little while until after the trails are dealt with.

Commissioner Cummings motioned to postpone the development and sanctioning of a 5K until after the walking trails are completed.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sonita K. Cummings, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jodi Frank, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Eaves, Quillen, Dowdell, Beasley, Cummings, DeMerchant, Deyorio, Frank, Vazquez
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e. Consideration of an Additional Memo from Parks and Recreation Commission to the Town Council Regarding the Bike Path Proposed for Ninigret Park

Commissioner Eaves mentioned that following the Town Council meeting there were a couple issues and that she was asking the Parks and Recreation Commission for a follow up memo regarding the advisory to the Town Council. Commissioner Eaves noted that she used the criterium, which is nine tenths of a mile for her kids. Commissioner Eaves continued that it is not a bike path that goes from one place to another, but that it is a bike path and that is where she went when she wanted to be off the roads in Ninigret Park. That there is a redundancy as the bike path would be 1.3 and the criterium is .9. That it is a nice surface that has to be maintained, and is a struggle to maintain and now another surface is proposed that would need to be maintained.

Commissioner Eaves mentioned she felt there needed to be a value added for each dollar in the park and redundancy is a huge issue. She noted that Parks and Recreation Department is conducting a bike safety event on the criterium and that the criterium is used as a bike path. She noted that it would add another surface to Ninigret Park that would have to be serviced and maintained.

Commissioner Eaves mentioned the trails were about nature and wellness. She noted that the bike path does go near the tee on the disc golf course and that there might be a safety issue.

TM Dyer of the disc golf organization spoke about the path and it's location near the disc golf course.

The location of the disc golf course and bike path trail was discussed. It was noted that signs may need to be posted warning users of the disc golf course. It was noted that if users with strollers were walking by they would not have helmets on. The Commission discussed if the path could be changed.

Faith Labossiere of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee mentioned that if the path was changed that it would be on the road that most of the traffic for the Sr. Community Center is on. There was a choice and Mr. Dyer was consulted, and that they chose to use the quietest roads and on road surfaces that were usable.

Bill Wilson of the Bike Path Ad Hoc Committee noted that from that location where they share a little bit of the road the discs are being thrown away from the road, not along the road. That on the first plan the discs were being thrown along the disc golf course and that it was moved for safety purposes and that Mr. Dyer and the architect looked at the safest way to do it.

The Commission discussed the safety issue.

Commissioner Eaves mentioned that the Town Council did say that it was considering the bond monies and that there are priorities and secondary priorities and the bike path was placed on the secondary priorities and that it is going to take a little less than a third of the bond and there is not going to be much left after that.

Commissioner Eaves noted she felt like the Town Council should consider other options outside the park. She noted the Charlestown Moraine Preserve.

Commissioner Dowdell mentioned the monies and asked the Parks and Recreation Commission to remember the concessions the Parks and Recreation Commission made during the workshops and that the Town Council strongly agreed on and for the bond money to be spent first on.

Commissioner Beasley commended Commissioner Eaves for doing all the work between meetings. She questioned how they proposed to spend bond money when it hadn't been vetted down the same channels. She asked if the linear park had any connections. She asked how that would move forward. She asked about the tight turn on the bike path and how it was engineered. She noted the Parks and Recreation Commission was charged with making sure the park is safe.

Ms. Labossiere noted the engineering for that particular intersection and that it was all very clearly marked on the maps with what has to be done to make them safe. The Commission discussed the bike path.

Commissioner Beasley noted she respected the number of decisions the Town Council has to make and that she would like to help them make a good decision on this.

Commissioner Eaves mentioned that number two (2) of the memo to the Town Council was because at the meeting a number of parents did speak strongly about their children's safety and riding around the playground was important to them and that a valuable piece may be around festival road if it was gated off, and that there was value to that one leg. Commissioner Eaves mentioned a gate and that it was brought up to the Town Administrator and that he seemed to think that was not a good idea as some people don't like the gate by the soccer field.

**Considerations from the Parks and Recreation Commission to the Town Council Regarding the  
Proposal from the Bike Pathways**

Memo regarding the bike path within Nimigret Park

Given more time to consider the 1.3 mile bike path proposed by the Ad hoc Bike Path Committee, some additional thoughts have come to mind regarding this \$267,000 project.

1. **VALUE ADD:** Each dollar spent out of the voter approved bond should add value to Nimigret Park. Due to the redundancy issues raised below, there is not a value add to justify the cost of \$267,000.

**REDUNDANCY**

a.) The 0.9 mile criterion already provides a safe place for people to ride bicycles. This area serves multiple uses. It is a bicycle race track. When it is not being used it is also a safe place for families and children to ride bicycles. It is also already used by people for walking and jogging as well.

b.) The proposed bike path is a high caliber paved surface just like the surfaces on the railway bike paths. A majority of the bike pathway is going to be paved right next to the existing road. People can already ride from the playground, to Frosty Drew and the community center on the road. As a matter of fact, people do this already.

**MAINTENANCE:** Since the town is already maintaining the criterion, there is no additional maintenance cost if people use the criterion as the safe riding experience. The caliber of the multi-use pathway surface would require the Town to provide another 1.3 miles of maintenance of bike path quality pavement.

2. **TRAILS** - Charlestown has several walking/ hiking trails throughout town. Richard Trails, Francis C. Carter Preserve, South Farm, and Pawaget Park just to name a few. The one thing all these trails have in common is they do not utilize paved ground. The ad hoc Bike Pathways Committee has proposed a bike path. This is NOT the same as a walking/ hiking trail. The proposed draft jogging/walking trail(s) utilizes the existing varied surfaces and allows people to access the natural area of the park which is a lovely area to explore and gets people off the roads. The proposed trail is not to be confused with the proposed bike path.
3. **SAFETY** of the bike path route that goes through the disc golf areas. The bike path goes through an existing tee and young riders and walkers are going to be encouraged to traverse the road through the disc golf course. A rogue disc can injure an unsuspecting walker or young rider. Activity along this road should be discouraged. Cars are acceptable because people would be protected from the disc but a walker or youngster could be injured by a rogue disc.
4. **MONIES:** The bike path proposed would consume approximately 1/3 of the \$1 million dollar bond given contingencies. Walking and jogging trails should take precedence over the bike path as they were specified as the number one item residents wanted to see in the 2008 Master Plan. Bathrooms should also take precedence (restrooms were the fourth highest ranked item on the survey list). These items, along with the items the Council previously prioritized for improvement will be displaced out of the monies if the bike path is funded from the bond.

**FIVE OPTIONS for the Town Council to consider:**

1. Take the bike path proposal to the voters and have them vote to fund the \$267,000 bike path through a separate bond referendum.

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2. One piece of the proposed bike path seems to be a value add. This is the length from the playground up Festival road. Reduce the project to about a ¼ of what is proposed and this could be extended out to Route 1 at a future date.
3. Take the bike path proposal out of Ninigret Park and consider moving a version of it to Pawaget Park. Pawaget could be the starting point to an accessible, highly visible hub for a bike pathway. This location is right along Route 1 and it has water views!
4. Investigate the possibility of utilizing the Town owned Moraine Preserve property as a starting point for a linear park. What is the status of this property? A linear park could potentially be placed on the moraine, overlooking the salt ponds and traverse Route 1. This would be a fabulous use of the edge of this property regardless of how the Town of Charlestown decides to use it in the future.
5. People have said they would be in support of a bike path throughout town. Suggest a re-evaluation and find spaces that are linear park that will connect pieces of the town that people can use to traverse our beautiful area.

Commissioner Eaves noted Pawaget Park as it is visible, it is a hub and classified as passive recreation and there is little going on there. She questioned why it could not be used and if it could be repurposed.

The Commission discussed passive recreation.

Commissioner Eaves noted the Moraine Preserve as it runs along Route 1. She noted people have said they would be supportive of a bike path in Town, but not in the park.

Commissioner Deyorio mentioned she was concerned that people would hear there is a bike path and in their mind they would think it connects to Westerly and Narragansett and they are not envisioning the proposed bike path.

Commissioner Frank motioned to accept the memo as is keeping the safety in as there is a concern for safety.

Commissioner Dowdell requested that at the top the memo say priorities.

Commissioner Beasley noted she could add ten places to add to number three (3) and that she totally endorsed bike paths and that she did not understand why Ninigret Park was considered.

Commissioner Dowdell recommended that the heading say, "Considerations from the Parks and Recreation Commission to the Town Council Regarding the Proposal from the Bike Pathways."

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jodi Frank, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Edward Vazquez, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Eaves, Quillen, Dowdell, Beasley, Cummings, DeMerchant, Deyorio, Frank, Vazquez
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Campbell, Currier, Horstmann, Nowell

f. Declaration of Hours for Usage for the Paved Charlestown Ninigret Park Bike Path/Criterion – Include Signage

Commissioner Dowdell noted there was a Town event on the multiuse bike path in the park that is nine tenths of a mile long. She noted there was a bike path setup done to specifications of a criterium racecourse and that is not the only use of the bike path. That is is wholly owned and controlled by the Charlestown Parks and Recreation Department and maintained financially by Charlestown. The multiuse bike path is rented to NBX. It is something that is not leased. NBX uses it four (4) hours per week, out of eighty- four hours available it is rented. She noted occasionally racers do use it to practice, and that when she spoke to Matt from NBX that there is no way that if it is not rented it is not proper etiquette to blow people away. That it is a public use, multiuse bike path. That it is an element of the park that was overlooked in public discussions with everything that has been going on and that it needs to be more predominately placed in literature and signage in the park.

The Commission discussed signage that could show when it is reserved that could be posted at different places.

Commissioner Dowdell noted the Parks and Recreation Department makes the rules and that racers could race by reservation.

Commissioner Frank noted that the bike path was wide and could maybe be delineated with a line. One side could be fourteen miles an hour or over and the other side could be less. She noted that it is a nationally known criterium. She recommended it be called a multiuse bike path/criterium, as it is a sanctioned criterium bike course.

Commissioner Dowdell motioned to create signage for the Charlestown Ninigret Park Multipurpose Bike Path/Criterium and that hours of usage be declared for rental and include that on signage.

Funding for the signage was discussed.

Commissioner Eaves questioned the hours of usage.

The Commission discussed directionality, rental information and hours of use.

Commissioner Eaves asked about signage.

Commissioner Dowdell discussed the theme piece of the entrance.

Commissioner Eaves recommend that the reservations be available online, as it might save someone going down and posting it. She recommended that the rules and regulations and reservations should be available online and rules and regulations on signs as well.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Cheryl Dowdell, Vice Chair
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sonita K. Cummings, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Eaves, Quillen, Dowdell, Beasley, Cummings, DeMerchant, Deyorio, Frank, Vazquez
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**g. Ninigret Park Entrance, Roads and Signage Bid Result**

Commissioner Dowdell noted two bids came back, Matunuck Design Group with \$4,400 and Bradford Associates with \$8,200. Commissioner Dowdell noted the Subcommittee met in April and May. She mentioned the scope of the work in the RFP was for a new themed entrance. The goal is to create a distinctive entry sign monument and entrance to Ninigret Park. Commissioner Dowdell asked about the interview process and if she could be a part of it. She noted she didn't want to make an advisory until that.

Commissioner Dowdell noted she went through the two (2). She showed the image example from George Tremblay from back in September when the Commission walked around the park. She went through the bid result from Matunuck Design Group and she looked at the qualifications of the principal and noted he had a license Landscape Architect stamp number four hundred sixty (460). She noted they were basing their proposal on a sign, she noted the signage mentioned in the packet.

Commissioner Dowdell noted the registered Landscape architect for Bradford Associate's number was six hundred four (604). She noted they would charge eight thousand dollars \$8,000 for a sign and didn't see where it was for a themed entrance and signage. The meeting was about the big picture which was a theme for the entrance carried through the whole park and that was why they wanted them to do two (2).

The Commission discussed past projects by the companies.

Commissioner Eaves noted that Bradford Associates seems to understand what it is ultimately trying to get too, and Matunuck talks about a plan and are not suggesting any other services and will not be along for the ride to implement the work. She noted that the proposals were very different.

The Commission discussed the RFP.

Commissioner Dowdell noted that the RFP was, "(t)his entry shall incorporate the history of the park beginning with its vital role in the livelihood of our local Native Americans, agricultural uses during colonial times and the development of the Charlestown Naval Auxiliary Landing Field during World War II through the Korean War, and adjacent to the US Fish and Wildlife."

Commissioner Vazquez noted the example of the monument work from Bradford Associates.

Commissioner Dowdell noted when they were at the meeting they were talking about how now is the time to look ahead seventy-five (75) years. As it has been seventy-five (75) years since anything has been done with that entrance. It was noted it was good to have room for three (3) lanes.

Commissioner Dowdell asked the Parks and Recreation Director for assistance with moving forward.

Commissioner Eaves noted that bids cost money.

Commissioner Dowdell mentioned she needed more time to talk about it and get as many people from the Subcommittee there and talk about the concerns that were discussed.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>NO VOTE TAKEN</b>
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**h. Sr. Community Center Lighting**

Chairman Quillen noted it was bothering him that people are walking to cars in darkness because of concerns over dark sky compliance. Chairman Quillen noted the plan from the engineer that shows the least amount of light the engineers will allow. That it was five (5) lights in the parking lot, one (1) in the entrance. That it was not solar, but that it was dark sky compliant and could be certified dark sky compliant. It can come with a timer so it can be set for certain nights.

Commissioner Quillen noted it may cost \$60,000 from the bond money.

Commissioner Frank motioned to go to the Town Council with the plan.

Commissioner Quillen noted it was on the additional priorities list and that out of all the proposals this plan was the darkest.

Commissioner Eaves asked how tall the poles were.

Commissioner Quillen noted the biggest construction would be trenching the conduit.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jodi Frank, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Donna M. Deyorio, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Eaves, Quillen, Dowdell, Beasley, Cummings, DeMerchant, Deyorio, Frank, Vazquez
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Campbell, Currier, Horstmann, Nowell

i. Additional Priorities in Ninigret Park

Chairman Quillen noted the Priorities to Improvements to Ninigret Park communication he drafted. He recommended sending numbers one through five to the Town Council. The Commission recommended adding sixty thousand dollars per toilet.

The Commission reviewed the list.

The Commission noted that at the Town Council meeting no motion was taken.

Commissioner Frank motioned to go forward with one through five of the additional priorities. Commissioner Vazquez seconded the motion.

Commissioner Eaves questioned why not send the whole additional priorities list.

Commissioner Quillen offered to write a memo to bring forward to the Town Council.

Commissioner Dowdell asked about the funding source. She noted that the first three were going to be paid for with the bond money, and the additional priorities would be determined.

Deb Carney asked if the intention was to move forward with the additional priorities in conjunction with the top three.

Commissioner Dowdell noted she wanted to make sure there was enough money in the bond to finish the top three (3).

The Commission discussed the Recreation Center lighting.

Commissioner Beasley mentioned that signage was an expensive item.

Commissioner Frank asked if the list could be written up so to read these are the additional priorities once the first ones are paid for.

Commissioner Dowdell noted that that the Town Council had not voted on the motion.

The Commission discussed not taking the money for the Sr. Community Center lights from the bond money.

Commissioner Cummings noted the only items definitely coming from the bond money would be items one, two and three and that the lights can come from other sources as it is a safety issue.

The motion was rescinded.

Commissioner Eaves recommended adding appropriate background and that she would prepare it to be brought back to the Commission.

The Commission discussed Recreational Center lights.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>NO VOTE TAKEN</b>
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j. Request for Agenda Items Submitted with a History of that Item

Chairman Quillen asked that if a member comes forward with an agenda item and it is new to some people on the Commission then they should bring some history and a little background on it.

6. PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. June Director's Report

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jodi Frank, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sonita K. Cummings, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Eaves, Quillen, Dowdell, Beasley, Cummings, DeMerchant, Deyorio, Frank, Vazquez
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Campbell, Currier, Horstmann, Nowell

7. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

a. June Assistant Director's Report

The Commission noted the new Parks & Recreation logo and the naval aviator wings.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Sonita K. Cummings, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Edward Vazquez, Commissioner
<b>AYES:</b>	Eaves, Quillen, Dowdell, Beasley, Cummings, DeMerchant, Deyorio, Frank, Vazquez
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Campbell, Currier, Horstmann, Nowell

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Ninigret Park Trail Subcommittee Report

There was no report.

b. Ninigret Park Entrance, Roads and Signage Subcommittee

There was no report.

c. Friends of Ninigret Park Subcommittee Report

There was no report.

d. Dog Park Subcommittee Report

Chairman Quillen noted the Dog Park grass was cut.

e. Tree Steward's Report

Tree Steward Jodi Frank noted the trees were growing very slowly.

9. LIAISON, COMMISSION, DIRECTOR, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Commissioner Beasley thanked the Commission for all the extra time it took.

Director Hilton noted the Skim Boarding event and that it was a great event.

Commissioner Frank noted she had asked for the sand at Little Nini to be on the agenda and asked if it could be on the agenda next month.

Commissioner Dowdell noted the review of equipment for the zip krooz was submitted to the Town Council and they decided not to spend the money. Commissioner Dowdell noted the Skim Board event made the Westerly Sun above the fold.

Commissioner Cummings noted the Department has been getting events going.

Commissioner Quillen thanked everyone for their hard work and hours.

10. AGENDA REQUESTS

11. NEXT TOWN COUNCIL DATE - JULY 11, 2016

12. NEXT MEETING DATE - TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016 AT 7:00 PM IN THE TOWN HALL'S TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 4540 SOUTH COUNTY TRAIL

13. ADJOURNMENT

a. Motion to adjourn at 9:35 PM.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Edward Vazquez, Commissioner
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jodi Frank, Commissioner
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