

**Park Commission Meeting Minutes  
January 9, 2018, 7:30 pm  
Town Hall First Floor Meeting Room**

**Members Present:** Kenneth Bushnell, Evan Boucher, James Gaffney, Timothy Siok

**Member(s) Absent:** Robert Flynn

**Others Present:** Paul Funch, Marion Stoddart Riverwalk  
Laurie Smigelski, Hazel Grove Agricultural Assoc.  
Maureen Adema, Park Commission Adm. Asst.

Chair Ken Bushnell called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Pending invoices were reviewed and signed.

***Chair Bushnell moved to approve and pay pending invoices. Mr. Boucher seconded.  
Motion carried 4 to 0.***

Paul Funch, Marion Stoddart Riverwalk Trail and Laurie Smigelski, Hazel Grove Agricultural Association reported that they met and did a site walk where the proposed Marion Stoddart Riverwalk Trail will meet and connect to the Hazel Grove Horse Farm. Ms. Smigelski said the site walk was very helpful and has no issues with the trail. The horse trail must always be used for the horses. There must be signage to keep horses, kids, and ponies safe. The speed limit should be 15mph or lower. The material for the trail "flooring" must be the best material available for the horses' feet.

Mr. Boucher stated that new signage for speed limits would require a traffic study.

Mr. Siok asked Mr. Funch if he has support for the trail from the other owners of the land that the trail will abut.

Mr. Funch stated at this time he was only seeking CPC funds for a design study.

***Chair Bushnell made a motion to write a letter of support for the CPC application for the Marion Stoddart Riverwalk Trail for a design study. Mr. Siok seconded. Motion carried 4 to 0.***

Groton Fest – Dominique Larkin Discussion – Ms. Larkin did not attend.

The Christmas Tree Bonfire field permit was updated with new date and signed. The event was rescheduled to January 13, 2018 due to weather.

Town Report is due to the Town Manager's office on February 2, 2018. Mr. Siok asked the "Legion Hall Walkway" be in the report. Maureen will send a draft write up to the Chair for approval before submitting report to the Town Manager's office.

Minutes will be approved at next meeting.

Next meeting is February 13, 2018.

***Executive Session pursuant to MGL Ch. 30A, Se. 21(6):\****

***“To consider the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real estate, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.”***

***Chair Bushnell made a motion to close the regular session to go into executive session, stating the Park Commission will not return to regular session after executive session. Mr. Siok seconded.***

***Chair polled members***

***Mr. Boucher, Yes, Mr. Siok, Yes Mr. Gaffney Yes***

***Motion carried unanimously to close regular session and move into executive session not to return after adjournment from executive session 4 to 0.***

Adjourned at 7:50pm to go into executive session not to return to regular session.