

Park and Recreation Commission	Meeting Minutes
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Date: October 18, 2016, 6:00 P.M.

Place: Brookline Town Hall, Room 111

Commissioners Attending: John Bain, Nancy O’Connor, Jean Stameris, Antonia Bellalta, Dan Lyons and Clara Batchelor

Commissioners Absent: James Carroll

Staff: Erin Gallentine, Parks and Open Space Director, Melissa Battite, Assistant Recreation Director, Jessica White, Parks and Open Space Assistant.

TOPIC	KEY POINTS/DISCUSSION	VOTE
Chairman’s Welcome Approval of Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J. Bain opened the meeting. N O’Connor noted for the minutes that she would like to add that when the Commission was discussing the Baldwin School Site, she listed 5 or 6 instances where the Commission already collaborates effectively with the School Department. She would like to add the mentioned cases where we already collaborate. 	N. O’Connor Moved for approval of the September 13, 2016 minutes with noted amendment. Seconded by D. Lyons. All in favor
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No public Comment 	
Corey Hill Design Review Presentation and Vote.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> J. Waisnor, Landscape Architect, summarized the Corey Hill Design Review public meetings. The current park plan/existing conditions was shown. J. Waisnor reviewed the entries, park perimeter, park walls and sundial, play equipment, plantings, park furniture, rock outcrops and park views. The proposed hardscape plan was detailed. The prosed seating plan was discussed. It consists of hammocks, lounge chairs, benches and picnic tables. N. O’Connor and J. Waisnor discussed the benches. It was noted, and public comment discussed, that not all of the residents favored the various seating options, in particular the 4 lounge chairs. The Commission and the Design Review Committee felt that it was important to the various seating opportunities on the passive side of the park and that the overall approach was very respectful of the neighbors, sensitive to the current uses, protected the trees and also allowed for improved accessibility and was welcoming to the public. 	The Chair moved to accept the Corey Hill Design Review plan as presented here tonight by J. Waisnor and enable staff to make design changes as necessary as the project moves through the engineering bid document and construction phase. Seconded by C. Batchelor. All in favor.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The compaction around the wall was discussed.• The proposed planting plan goals were discussed. The new planting is going to create an understory, introduce native plants and prune and preserve large existing trees. Ideas of native plants were shown.• The proposed playground elements were shown. The play elements consist of a play hut, a Rocks and Ropes course, a swing set, a door in the woods between two trees, bird houses and fairy doors that will be added along the path, oversized bird nests that will decompose over time, a willow fort, a seating circle made from wood chopped off at site and the water play. The water play will have 12 jets, set and flush. It will have a hydrolytic activator, this will allow them to avoid the cost of running electricity in the park. There will be a dry river bed made out of concrete with rocks set in and it will have a farm pump at the top. The drainage was shown.• A 3D image of Rocks and Ropes and photographs were shown.• Images of play huts were shown.• The first alternate is exercise equipment. Three pieces were shown with possible locations.• The second add alternate is the seating under the grove of trees on the passive side. Benches that with curved radii were shown.• The existing fence at the playground is something that the Town identified as needing to be repaired. The neighborhood had a strong desire to have a vehicular and pedestrian gate added to the playground side. The Town received two quotes to have the fence totally renovated (pickets reset, fence straightened, redipped and painted), however the estimates would impact a significant amount of the budget. The public said that they thought that the fence was ok and would rather not invest a significant portion of the budget in its renovation. There were other priorities that they would rather see implemented. E. Gallentine met with the Town welder to see if they could straighten the pickets that were in the worse condition and leave the fence insitu. The gates and the missing 3ft section will be	
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	<p>included in the contract, but the picket repair, scraping and painting will be done in-house.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The summary of probable costs was discussed.• J. Bain stated that J. Waisnor has done a great job, everybody is really excited and the presentation was spot on.• E. Gallentine wanted to second that and stated that this project really came together in a way that she is excited about for the Corey Hill neighborhood. It is a tired site right now. She was struggling with the identity for Corey Hill. The neighborhood decided not to prune views on the passive side of the park and let the park be framed by large trees. There had been a significant amount discussion about the pros and cons of opening up the long views. She stated that J. Waisnor did a great job listening to the community and coming up with a cohesive plan. She loves the balance of true nature play, nature theme play and how they integrate. She is very excited about this and thinks it's an excellent design. E. Gallentine stated that J. Waisnor has incredible technical skills and we are ready to move forward with the construction bid documents E. Gallentine supports this plan and recommends a vote to move forward with this design.• C. Batchelor and J. Waisnor discussed the nests that break down over time.• D. Lyons stated that kids will love the nests.• C. Batchelor stated at the opening we should have Big Bird.• N. O'Connor is intrigued by the nature play in this design and that this neighborhood has landed on this design. She loves how different it is. E. Gallentine stated that this design has the perfect amount of the nature play. N. O'Connor and E. Gallentine discussed the exercise equipment.• C. Batchelor discussed how the single post swing when all bays are used they start wobbling and was glad to see a different model was selected.• A. Bellalta appreciates the expansion of the site that we achieved through this design. She stated that J. Waisnor is capturing how we need	
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	<p>more open space so it is fantastic. A. Bellalta and E. Gallentine discussed the request for a traffic analysis to look at the speed of cars up Corey hill.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Bain moved to accept the Corey Hill Conceptual Design plan as presented here tonight by J. Waisnor and enable staff to make design changes as necessary as the project moves through the engineering bid document and construction phase. Seconded by C. Batchelor. All in favor. 	
<p>Geese Management Statement and Vote/ Park Ranger Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A video clip from channel 5 regarding the Canadian geese was shown. • Alex Cassie, Park Ranger, introduced himself. A. Cassie is here tonight to update the Commission on the “Canada Goose Population Impact on Parks & Management Program”. He wanted to share the various methods that the Town uses to deal with the Canadian geese population and discuss that even though Brookline uses more techniques than any other town the population continues to have a detrimental impact on the parks and park user experience. • A. Cassie discussed egg addling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Permitted through MA Fish & Wildlife. He will go out with a team and addle the eggs. He discussed this process. ▪ Most humane method of population control/halting egg development ▪ Performed in conjunction with the City of Boston along the Muddy River for most effective results. • Harassment is a technique to use once the geese are here. A. Cassie showed everyone the <i>Gooseinator</i> (remote control hover craft that you can take out on the water or land to scare the geese). It is very effective in small areas, but it is trickier to use at the Reservoir. If the Gooseinator goes out it will go out simultaneously with the border collies at that location. The Town has a contract with a vendor who brings border collies to various sites at irregular intervals to harass the geese off site. The Challenges with this harassment are : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Time Commitment 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Behavioral Patterns of Urban Wildlife▪ “Not in my Backyard”. We are ultimately looking for a universal solution. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• One of the most effective solutions at Olmsted is Barrier Fencing at the waters edge to eliminate the free and open flow of the geese onto land. <p>The Challenges with that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Not “set it and forget it” - must be used alongside other management techniques▪ Issues with goslings/molting season, during this time period there might be temporary openings.▪ Vandalism (fences are cut and removed). E. Gallentine detailed some of the vandalism to date.▪ E. Gallentine discussed how this is not the overall design intent (the fencing) for Leverett Pond. She stated that the intent of a restored Olmsted Park edge would be to remove/dredge the sandbar, stabilize the pond edges and plant with dense aquatic/edge condition plantings leaving areas that would be open to the public for visual access to the water (known by some as Olmstedian beaches). E. Gallentine discussed how there are people furious at the Town for what we are doing with the geese and others who are angry at use because they think we are not doing enough. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• False Predators/Decoys <p>The challenges with that are :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Time Commitment- Must regularly move and reposition decoys▪ Theft <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education/Signage <p>Signage, pamphlets, in-person visitor services and enforcement and educational programming.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A. Bellalta wonders if people are taking the decoy because they don't know what they are. She wonders if there should be signage with it. E. Gallentine stated that is a good point. E. Gallentine and A. Bellalta discussed the Geese information on the website.	
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- N. O'Connor and A. Cassie discussed how the Canadian Geese are protected and possible fines for feeding the geese. She stated that he is doing a great job.
- **Feces Removal**
 1. Cleanups at Brookline Reservoir/Muddy River multiple times per week from May to October.
 2. Brookline Reservoir: 45 Recorded Visits in 2016 relating to feces removal/patrol
 3. Olmsted Park: 31 Recorded visits in 2016 relating to feces removal/patrolThe amount of goose feces removed is extreme. In one day 400lbs was removed at Allerton Overlook.
-13 recorded visits relating to fence vandalism

E. Gallentine suggested that the Commissioners review the draft memo that was passed out regarding Geese Management, make any suggested edits or strategy recommendations and take a vote on at the next meeting. She would like to then share it with the Board of Selectman, post it on the website and share it with the public and other municipalities when they ask about the Town's Geese Management Protocol.

- A. Cassie provided the Commission with a Green Dog Program update.
 1. Complaints
 2. Communication
 3. Compliance
 4. Cooperation

The Green Dog Program

- FY16
 - 1135 renewals
 - 162 non-renewals
 - 84 recorded moved/deceased
 - 248 new resident green dog (1383 total)
 - 79 new nonresident green dogs (169 total)

A. Cassie provided the Commission with an overview of his volunteering, community outreach and scheduled programming. This something A. Cassie is very passionate about and it's a way for him to show the public new ways to enjoy the parks.

	<p>1. Volunteering -Multiple projects at multiple sites involving hundreds of volunteers. -600 Projected Volunteer hours for 2016 (400 hours in 2015) -Scout Troops, Church Groups, Families, Local Friends Groups, Individuals.</p> <p>2. Community Outreach -Custom Programming based on groups' specific educational needs -Tours/informal interpretation at Larz Anderson Park. -Local School, Scout Troops, Walking Clubs, Children's Programs</p> <p>3. Scheduled Programming -Unique Visitor Experiences in varied locations -Free, family-friendly opportunities to engage with neighborhood Parks in a new way - Cooperation with local businesses and engaged individuals/families. -A. Cassie went over a few examples of the scheduled programs.</p> <p>E. Gallentine stated that A. Cassie does an incredible job and the Division and the Town are fortunate to have him.</p>	
<p>Public Hearing: Discussion of Warrant Articles 7,8,9,10,11</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • J. Bain, Chairman, introduced the next agenda item stating that a Public Hearing for Warrant Articles 7,8,9,10 & 11 had been held at the September meeting with a presentation by A. Martineau from Economic Development. This evening he will refresh the Commission on the Town's proposed Warrant Articles for the November Town Meeting and Hugh Mattison will present his opposing warrant articles. • A. Martineau introduced himself. • He went through the Emerald Island Public Realm Concept (fully redeveloped) that was discussed at the September Park and Recreation meeting. • The required sidewalk widths were discussed. In thinking about the public realms, the sidewalks widths are a key component of the Zoning Committee's 	

	<p>consideration. A. Martineau showed a fully redeveloped plan for the area which includes the Emerald Necklace Crossing. He explained that the Committee prioritized having wider sidewalks and after a conversation with the hotel developer, came up with a standard minimum width of no less than 8' in limited areas known as "pinch points". The Committee felt strongly about pushing the hotel as far away from the park as possible and having the sidewalk space for both the hotel and park users.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A. Martineau discussed the zoning of all buildings, heights and lot coverage for the Emerald Isle District.• A. Martineau reviewed efforts being made to improve on the park side of the Emerald Necklace and also the opportunity to improve upon the Gateway East Intersection.• The mid-block and Northern district edge building maximum height and lot coverages were discussed. The 25 Washington Street Maximum heights/lot coverages were shown. The Committee wanted to make sure the building mass was broken up and articulated, four options were shown. The committee used the stacking of building height and lots coverages for flexibility of design.• The EISD Zoning key public realm requirements were listed and discussed.• Article 9 pertains to a restricted covenant or tax certainty agreement and seeks authorization from Town Meeting for the Board of Selectmen to enter into a restricted covenant to guarantee the property tax for 75 years for the hotel only. The amount is over \$1 M annually, which will incrementally grow.• Article 10 is for Town Meeting to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for \$376,000 for offsite improvements including some in the adjacent Emerald Necklace Park (and ongoing shared maintenance), offsite bike, and pedestrian improvements, landscaping	
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	<p>improvements , shared parking ramp access, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• H. Mattison introduced himself.• He stated that article 8 offers a chance to make a positive and lasting impression by adding green infrastructure, storm water management and a pedestrian friendly walkway.• H. Mattison explained that Article 8 addresses a flaw in the proposed zoning of the Emerald Island. The Article is a proposal to require a sidewalk at least 18' wide at 25 Washington Street, including an 8' wide sidewalk for pedestrians and a 10' wide planting strip to separate the bicycle track from the pedestrian walkway.• He stated that Article 7 zoning will allow a building to effectively block the view of other route 9 landscaping and serve as a barrier rather than a visual gateway.• He stated that the average sidewalk width is 10 feet 8 inches; however the so called pinch point is only 8 feet.• He discussed the substantial and peak hour foot traffic in this area.• He stated that Article 8 follows a model for a safe and attractive pedestrian path. This design encourages walking.• He stated that Article 8 will make walking and bicycling safer and show how much Brookline cares about the environment.,• Article 11 is providing direction to the Board of Selectmen if both Articles 7 and 8 do not pass. If passed, it will mean Town Meeting is in favor of continuing to pursue zoning that allows a safe, green entrance on Washington Street. He stated that this is a once in a generation chance.• J. Bain and H. Mattison discussed the width of his proposed sidewalk and the sidewalk at the art school (2 Brookline Place).• Dan Lyons and H. Mattison discussed where he got the 10 feet wide planting strip. H. Mattison stated that he wanted to have enough space for tree understory and full canopy that can be a buffer against the street. Dan Lyons asked what the impact of the 18 feet would be, he stated that it would have no impact on the traffic, but	
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	<p>the hotel would have to push back 10 feet. A. Martineau stated that the hotel would not happen, you would not be able to make the parking, ramping and circulation work pushing the hotel back 10 feet. He stated that Article 8 does not address that percentage of lot coverage for those upper floors, so it's not a matter of pushing that first floor in. You would have to push the whole building in and the whole development would not be feasible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A. Bellalta stated that A. Martineau showed 4 different design options of the hotel. She was wondering if any of them have been approved. A. Martineau stated no, those are options based on feedback from committees and public meetings. The zoning is set up as such that any of them could be approved to allow for flexibility in the next phase of Design.• J. Bain asked what the formula needs to be for articles 7-11 to happen, what has to be passed to make it happen. A. Martineau stated that if Article 7 passed then the memorandum of agreement and tax certainty agreement would be in effect (provided Town Meeting passes them). If Article 8 passes then the memorandums of agreement and tax certainty agreement are not possible.• Hugh Mattison stated that his guess is that Article 8 would be discussed first and if that passed, then Article 7 would be the main motion. A. Martineau stated that the agreement is structured as such that their proposed hotel and current concept are allowed reasonably to move forward based on what was shown to the committee and that wouldn't be the case in Article 8.• E. Gallentine stated that A. Martineau brought in a third party to provide expert opinion on the design and zoning. How much flexibility does the Town have before the developer likely decides not to build a hotel? The town hired an expert to look at the range of uses the committee was contemplating, they asked her at the time to look at the committee's minimum building envelope (which didn't change too much after analysis), they asked her to look at	
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	<p>the parking ratio. She looked at the hotel use for 25 Washington Street, the potential use of the rest of the district and pretty much confirmed that the analysis and the assumptions that the committee made were about right in terms of the scaled building to be required for any proposed uses to be viable. As it relates to the hotel there were a lot of questions directed to her about the proposed size. She indicated that 175 rooms is the sweet spot for this type of hotel. They will be smaller rooms, however the hotel will have more amenities. She stated that for there should be about 70 structured parking spaces.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hugh Maddison stated that it was mentioned that there was some flexibility on that, A. Martineau stated that Article 8 doesn't address number of rooms it addresses sidewalks.• J. Bain asked if the sidewalk is 8' or 10' (whatever it ends up being) how does it affect the rest of the district. The architects on their committee modeled two other buildings for those sites. They didn't design a full fledge building, but they did look at the massing models, interior ramping and parking design. The pinch points on the River Road side and that minimum sidewalk is only allowed to be reduced in limited areas to no less than 8 feet.• N. O'Connor stated that if we push back and we require no less than 18 feet and the hotel decided not to stay, who is the next group coming in / what option is there ? This does scare her. A Martineau discussed a potential option. He discussed 40B. He wanted to see a project that would help us implement outstanding community goals and set the table for future developments.• H. Mattison and A. Martineau discussed River Road as Park land and widening the sidewalk on this side for good circulation.• A. Martineau stated that that if you think about your pedestrian experience traveling east on Washington Street, the sidewalk stays narrow there is no relief space. This changes that, it allows for a more friendly pedestrian space and allows for wider sidewalks than now as you	
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	<p>head towards Brookline village. It could bring it to 11 feet wide in certain areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Antonia Bellalta thinks treatment of edge could be looked at. A. Martineau discussed having no curb, it could just be seamless.• Tom Kennedy addressed the Commission. He stated that he has crossed this intersection innumerable time and addressed the comments regarding the foot traffic, the bicycle traffic and vehicular traffic and the pinch point. He stated to move the building back makes imminent sense. He stated that the hotel or others can be creative with this site. He suggested looking at 175 Federal Street as an example of what widening the sidewalk does for the foot traffic. He stated that as someone who has lived here, worked here and been involved with the parks, he thinks what is being proposed by H. Mattison makes sense. He stated that what is proposed now is squeezing us without due consideration to pedestrians and neighbors. To keep this pinch point as narrow as it is doesn't make a lot of sense and he would support this warrant article.• Fred Perry addressed the Commission. He wanted to suggest that Park and Recreation may have a different view on how close one should get to the Emerald Necklace and might have a differently informed view of that. It may be different from that of the Zoning Study committee. They thought a café would be wonderful but it won't offer too much outside (during winter months). Space is space.• D. Lyons asked that at those pinch points instead of kicking the building back 10 feet is it possible to go up a story or 2. A. Martineau stated that it doesn't change the geometry of the parking levels. The Commission was interested in looking at the parking garage circulation.• J. Bain stated that the Park and Recreation Commission has received a lot of information and will take this all under consideration. He would like to join A. Martineau and H. Mattison on a site visit.• E. Gallentine stated that the Park and	
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	<p>Recreation Commission is going to be very much involved in the design process as it moves forward and relates to the park land.</p>	
<p>Recreation Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M. Battite reviewed the Recreation Update. • Saturday, October 22nd 5pm-8pm, Cypress Field: Monster Bash. She listed the activities that will be at this event. • Friday, November 25th, Rink opens -weather permitting-for the season • She discussed a few new editions to the Recreation Family. • The fall is jam packed; they have reached capacity in all sports. • Brookline day was exciting and a success. • The couch to 5k was so successful it will be back for a second season. • She discussed the commitment to health initiatives at Soule and afterschool. The parent feedback has been great. • The aquatics capital improvement project will take place during spring 2017. There will be modified access to the pool and a few weeks of closure. It is being scheduled around the swim teams. The capital improvement work was discussed. • License programs are up and running. • Soule had their annual visit from the Poppins Group from Japan this fall. Soule has been contacted by two schools in Israel who are interested in their Reggio Amelia/Montessori curriculum. • The after school program is thriving. The after school team and Soule team are working in parallel this fall to provide staff training and sharing information and resources. • Public swim hours have been extended this fall on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings with a 9 pm closing time. • Recreation Therapy continues to grow. • The fall introduces a new team cheerleading program. • The “On the town trips” and “Forever young program” continue to be popular. • The 2016 Amory season has come to an end. NETRESULTS hosted the annual Amory 	

	<p>apperception Day. E. Gallentine and N. O'Connor discussed the efforts that have been made to reduce the loose clay/dust and how there have been less calls this season regarding that issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The fall season is a soft opening to recreation use at Tappan with some tennis and sports starting up. Late October begins the daily use including weekday evenings and Saturday and Sunday programing.• M. Battite and J. Bain discussed the revenue from the driving range and the Harter Strength and Conditioning program renting space at the golf course.	
Park and Recreation Vandalism Prevention & Security Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• E. Gallentine stated that the Park and Open space Division is committed to protecting the public assets and personal security within its parks and open space network. She stated that there have been more instances of vandalism this year and it's disheartening. She stated that we have increased patrol and lighting.• She discussed the vandalism at Fisher Hill on the overlook. She is looking at options that would make it hard to carve into this material. She stated that with Fisher Hill there have also been instances of drinking at night. She is concerned about the buildings in particular. She has reached out to Newbury College to ask that they reach of to their student body. The police are adding patrols at night and parks staff is adding patrols in the morning.• She stated that there is a philosophy of removing graffiti and trash immediately.• She stated that there may be some instances where the Town would want video in places that there are constant vandalism and evening use complaints. The presence of cameras can be a huge deterrent to the activity in the first place.• E. Gallentine and A. Bellalta discussed motion sensors and security lighting.• Dan Lyons and E. Gallentine discussed where cameras might be helpful. D. Lyons expressed concern about the gatehouse at Fisher Hill Reservoir Park.• This is something she wanted the commission to be aware of.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• N. O'Connor and Erin Gallentine discussed how the police would include this as a regular stop on their evening patrol.	
Park and Open Space Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The first phase of the Emerald Necklace Bike Pedestrian Crossing is nearing completion. It is a huge change to what was there before and will provide an effective link to Olmsted Park and Riverway Park. E. Gallentine listed the significantly improved flow of all modes of traffic. She stated that it was an incredibly difficult area to manage a construction project and that they were all glad that it was nearing completion. Remaining work involves activating the bike/ped crossing signal, stamping the crosswalks this fall and in the spring installing the trees and shrubs and ornamental lights.• The Riverway park bank stabilization project is complete with coconut coir logs at the bank edge and loam/seed up to the park berm. The shrubs will be installed next week. She discussed the granite plinth installation and the Michael and Kitty Dukakis event.• Justine Mee Liff Park grand opening /USACE project was discussed.• Public Works plans to commence the Brookline Avenue Playground renovation project Spring 2017. It will be a phased closure.• E. Gallentine is still waiting to hear back from the Office of Dam Safety regarding the Brookline Reservoir. She discussed the need for the Commission to appoint a Design Review Committee in the upcoming months and the addition of a comfort station.• Corey Hill Playground-Construction -Spring 2107• Emerson Garden -Construction- Summer/Fall 2017 if the design review committee completes their work and a vote is taken by the Commission in December. If the Town does not get the bid out early in winter it may be beneficial to commence construction in spring 2018.• Larz Anderson park roadway and parking will	

	<p>be getting back on the Engineer's list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Harry Downe's Playground Design Review process was discussed.• E. Gallentine discussed the Larz Anderson Park conditions assessment. She is working with Structures North on this project. They have done some 3D imaging and have prepared a cost estimate to repair, restore or replace those architectural elements.• She stated that they have designed the inserts for the floor and an underground utility room at the Fisher Hill Gatehouse. She is scheduling a meeting with the Building Commission for his review and to discuss next steps.• E. Gallentine provided an update on the Hennessey plaque and recognition area. E. Gallentine that the Town has puddingstone and Granite from Fisher Hill. The stones are being measured for the plaque and a price to have the plaque installed. There will be granite places to sit in that area. It will be done with all in house resources. Joe Geller from Stantec has reviewed the stone and provided input.• Lawton Playground Community Garden will be completed with in-house staff. Fundraising is being completed by the neighborhood led by Elisa Yanover. This proposal will come before the Commission in November or December.• E. Gallentine discussed what needs to be done to make the Larz Anderson community gardens ADA complaint. E. Gallentine discussed the water aeration system and drainage at Larz Anderson pond. The pond needs a new aerator.• The master planning for Dane park and Halls Pond was discussed.• Baldwin was selected as the 9th school study choice and the 9th school study Committee wants to come before the Commission in November.• The Pierce basketball courts opened today. The field is seeded and will remain closed through the spring. The play equipment and the open lawn area were shown.• The Fisher Hill field is having significant	
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	<p>problems with drainage. E. Gallentine gave a summary of what is going on with the field .E. Gallentine stated that we are doing all the right things and the turf is still in good shape. She will continue to work with Sports Turf Specialty to analyze the soil, sod and drainage conditions. The irrigation has been off to let the field dry out. She is working on the close out punch list for Fisher Hill, that consist of the meadow, planting, as built stabilized stone dust/picnic area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E. Gallentine stated that we have been using drones for a few different projects, such as to document the conditions of the architectural infrastructure at Larz Anderson, and progress of construction at Fisher Hill. She stated that this type of footage can help her look at a whole host of different things. • The Commission talked about the benefits of the Town using drones on its own property, but reasserted their position that private use of drones are not allowed in public parks. 	
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No new Business. 	
Adjourn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D. Lyons moved to adjourn. Seconded by A. Bellalta. All in favor. 	

Next Meeting: November 9, 2016

Location: Town Hall, School Committee Room

A true record

Attest Jessica White

Date: 10/18/2016