

Park Commissioners  
Agenda 01/18/2023



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### PARK COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES

A Joint Meeting of the Park Commissioners and Recreation Commissioners.

Meeting Date: Oct 10, 2023 at 6:30pm

Meeting in person at the Dunstable Town Hall, 511 Main Street, Dunstable, MA.

**Note:** The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Commissioners which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

SCHEDULED AGENDA ITEMS – Discussion of and decision/vote taken printed in red next to line item.  
Topics the Chair reasonably anticipates will or could be discussed.

Scheduled Agenda Items: Joint Topics.

1. Review and approve meeting minutes Aug 29, 2023. **Done**
2. Ball fields update. **Decision to wait until spring to see if the teams will use the fields before any maintenance work is done. There are no funds available in the Parks budget so the funds will need to come from the Recs budget if available.**
3. Tennis courts update. **None**
4. Larter shed window painting progress. **Decided not to do.**
5. Visions for the future of Larter field. **Possibly do interpretive signs for birding at larter and habit areas description as well. Dawn T suggested it may bring in school trips to view. Food truck Friday's idea discussed for the warmer months, need to discuss further.**

Recreations Topics

1. Field use application- Request for gathering. **No applications. Gatherings permitted without permit.**
2. Soccer net replacement progress. **In progress- Nets ordered by Charles Lipman**

Parks Topics

1. Grub problem at Larter and treatment and cost of. Application done as problem was significant enough to warrant. No further funds available for 2024 future applications or any other Turf treatments. Cost \$3000.
2. Rake and seed damaged areas. Cost of and who does? Done by Jean Phelan with the help of Natural Matters. Cost from Natural matters absorbed under previous approve contract work. Cost around \$500 including grass seed.
3. Prune branches off of large shed at Larter. Done by Brian Locapo- no cost
4. Prevailing wage issues and cost and discussion of. Irrigation in particular. Discussed, no conclusions made
5. Turf treatments and maintenance, aerating and seeding completed. Larter field, Town hall, Common and Police station. Completed
6. Pollinator Garden at Larter. Feasibility of. Discussed new garden not feasible but discussed existing areas on slopes already pollinator friendly and cultural practice on turf can enhance pollinator and bird activity.
7. 2024 and 2025 budgets and 2025 increase request reviewed. 2024 budget sheet provided and reviewed. Decided to continue plowing Larter track and agreed that was a priority over future turf treatments as 2024 budget has mostly been exhausted.

#### **Meeting came to order at 6:35**

Attending the meeting for the Parks Commission and a quorum being present; Jean Phelan, Tiffany Naughton and Dawn Theberge

Attending for the Recs Commission and a quorum being present; Tiffany Naughton, Brian Locapo, Jeff Hastings and Charlie Lipman

Meeting adjourned 7:16

Tentative next meeting Jan 9, 2023 at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted by,  
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