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TOWN OF STAFFORD
HYDE PARK COMMISSION
TOWN HALL
JANUARY 24, 2018
SPECIAL MEETING


TOWN CLERK

Present:

Lori Gianantoni
Richard Hartenstein, Jr.
Cheryl Wilson-Maynard

Absent:

Chris Paradiso
William Braun

MINUTES:

1. **Meeting called to order and Moment of Silence**

Meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. A quorum was established. Commission members paused for a moment of silence.

2. **Approve minutes for September 13, 2016**

Upon motion of Rick Hartenstein and seconded by Cheryl Wilson-Maynard the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of September 13, 2016.

3. **Hyde Park – Discussion of a Walking Path**

Present were members of the Citizen's Advisory Committee; Selectman John Locke, Albert and Patrene DaMico, Donna Wright, Butch Clark, Roger Ingraham, and Stacy Joseph to discuss a Walking Path starting at the Monument, along the river's edge and around skate Board Park back to the Hyde Park roadway. Commission members were provided a "Trails in neighboring Towns" document as prepared by Ms. Donna Wright, member of the Citizen's Advisory Committee. Chairman Lori Gianantoni questioned the additional liability it would bring to the Town; "if you build it you must maintain it". Mr. Locke responded that he called the Town's current Insurance provider and was assured there would be no additional cost to the current insurance costs. The possibility it could wash out along the river's edge, as well as, the additional work for the Town Public Works, and Parks Departments. Mr. Locke indicated he spoke with Director of Public Works, Rick Zulick and Mr. Zulick indicated that the Public Works Dept. would provide the labor for this project. Rick Hartenstein questioned the interference it could pose for the Soft Ball fields. Mr. Locke felt that it could always pose a risk of getting hit with a softball but didn't feel that was a huge concern. Rick also questioned the funding of this project. Mr. Locke indicated that a fund raiser to help with the cost to the project was a consideration. Also, proposing to local businesses sponsorship of approximately 100-200 feet sections of the walking path. A map was presented and the walking path was outlined to the Commission. It was also mentioned that Historical plaques could be placed along the path. Mr. Ingraham indicated the Lyons Club would also like to be involved in a beautification project in the Park. Rick Hartenstein requested additional time to

consider the matter, requesting that the Hyde Park Commission schedule an additional meeting. The Commission determined to meet on February 7, 2018 and requested the Citizen's Advisory Committee presence.

4. Hyde Park – Discussion regarding Drainage Issue on Hyde Park Road

The Hyde Park Commission would address a letter to the Board of Selectmen and Public Works Director, Rick Zulick regarding this matter. Concerns of the continue drainage issue threatens the integrity of the stone wall as well as the newly constructed stairs.

5. Adjourn

Upon motion of Rick Hartenstein and seconded by Cheryl Wilson-Maynard the Commission unanimously approved adjourning the meeting at 5:41 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori Gianantoni". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lori Gianantoni, Chairman
Hyde Park Commission