

April 14, 2022

Commissioners: Bobby Beagan, Ben Carmel, Laurie Liaison, Dick Williamson, Mara Huston.

Meeting called to order at 6:42pm

Roll Call: Laurie – here, Dick – here, Bobby – here, Ben – here

Ben stated the meeting agenda included review and possible vote on the Park and Recreation Commission Charter, discussion on Town Meeting representatives, and scheduling future meeting dates.

Ben reviewed the draft of the Charter, dated March 29, 2022, which was discussed at the last meeting. He shared his screen and showed the Charter and comments from Commissioners that he received after the last meeting. Commission decided not to number the duties and responsibilities so there would be no assumption on order of importance,

Mara joined the meeting on her phone at 6:50pm.

Ben stated he will take notes during the meeting on the draft of the Charter and will make changes after the meeting. Commission discussed defining the collaborative process.

Commission questioned who approves the final Charter. Ben offered to raise the question with Town Counsel. Commission confirmed that Ben would be the ongoing contact with Town Counsel in regard to the roles and responsibilities of the Park and Recreation and their Charter.

Dick left the Commission meeting to attend another meeting. Mara asked Dick if he was planning on attending Town Meeting on May 2, and if he would speak on the Rail Trail articles if necessary. Mara stated she would send results of the Commission votes in case questions are raised at the meeting.

Ben stated he and Bobby will review and merge the comments on the Charter and will bring it back to the Commission for another review before he discusses it with Town Counsel. The goal is to get this done by for the next commission meeting.

Mara stated she will be at Town meeting on Monday and there are many articles that have a Recreation focus. She asked which Commissioners will be at Town meeting on Tuesday or Wednesday so she can communicate and provide information for articles that will be discussed. Bobby and Ben will get back to Mara on availability.

Motion to adjourn. Bobby – yes, Ben – yes, Laurie – yes, Mara – yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03.