

City of Keene
New Hampshire

ASHUELOT RIVER PARK ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

8:00 AM

SITE VISIT @ PARK

Members Present:

Arthur Winsor, Chair
Councilor Steve Hooper, Vice Chair
George Foskett
Judy Sadoski
Suzy Krautmann
Dave Whaley

Staff Present:

Andy Bohannon, Director of Parks,
Recreation & Facilities

Members Not Present:

Paul Bocko
Thomas Haynes, Alternate

1) Welcome & Call to Order

Chair Winsor called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2020

Ms. Krautmann moved to approve the minutes of March 10, 2020, which Ms. Sadoski seconded and the Board carried unanimously.

3) Finance Report

a. Budget Updates

Mr. Bohannon recalled that the budget, as presented on the last page of the meeting packet, was updated to reflect the recent invoices from Bartlett Tree. The current expenditures are \$10,560.00.

4) Park Discussion – Review of Conway Improvements

Mr. Bohannon led a discussion through the park as it related to the various design bubbles that the students from Conway School were in the process of designing. He shared that today was the

hard date for any last changes to the design, however the students will take feedback on the draft copy that will be shared later this week.

The group proceeded to the entrance over by the bank and Jonathan Daniels trail sign, it was discussed about making a more formal entry way into this area.

The group then proceeded to the back of the arboretum near the bench and possible kayak launch. It was pointed out about the abundance of Japanese Knotweed and the need to remove it. Mr. Bohannon shared his thoughts about his conversation with the Conservation Commission and possibly being able to collaborate on a removal project.

The group then proceeded over the bridge to the Rachel Marshall Learning Lab area to discuss the design of a possible walking path in the area to help open up the space.

The group then proceeded to the Starbucks entrance area to discuss the final design bubble that featured a possible over look of the river, and the removal of the gazebo and what would replace it.

5) Adjournment – Next Meeting is Tuesday, July 14, 2020

The Board agreed to meet at the Park for the July meeting to review the final concepts in the design from Conway School.

There being no further business, Chair Winsor adjourned the meeting at 8:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,
Andy Bohannon, Staff Liaison
June 17, 2020