

PARKS COMMISSION
Thursday, February 9, 2012
Public Services
55 Portland Street
5:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE:

Commission Members: Diane Davison, Steve Morgenstein, Kirk Goodhue, Jeff Scher, Carol Hutchins

City Staff: Troy Moon, Melissa Graffam, Mike Bobinsky, Rick Knowland, Sally Deluca, Ethan Owens

Guests: Dory Waxman, Barb Hager

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Capisic Pond Status Report

Jeff Scher gave the Commission an update regarding Capisic Pond. On February 1st there was a status meeting that included city staff, residents, consultants and Maine Fish and Wildlife officials. They did note that the pond is filling up with weeds. It was determined that the pond could be dredged, and the details of that are still being worked out.

At the meeting they were given different scenarios as to how they would like to see happen with the pond. Majority of the residents wanted open water enhancement. A feasibility study is needed and funding is still being worked on.

Status of Lincoln Park

The Public Services Department has provided roll-offs toward the clean-up of the park. Once the clean-up is complete staff will be doing an inspection of the landscape.

Baxter Boulevard Storm Water Storage Conduit/Impacts to Payson Park

Later in the fall (after the Maine Marathon) the City will be starting to do combined sewer outflow (CSO) work in the area on Baxter Boulevard by Payson Park. Staff is currently evaluating the best area to store the materials for this project as to not affect the park. With this work there will be some drainage improvements made to the park (near the Little League field and concession area).

During different phases of the project the park and Baxter Boulevard will be closed. As the beginning project dates approach there will be neighborhood meetings regarding the work. The project is expected to be finished by 2013.

Eastern Cemetery Master Plan

Barb Hager shared with the commission the great news that the Master Plan for the Eastern Cemetery is complete. They have been working since 2008 on getting this completed, all with outside funding. The Historic Preservation has approved it and will go to the Planning Board for their approval on February 28, 2012. The Master Plan can be found on the City's Planning Department's website.

OLD BUSINESS

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes from December 2011

Meeting minutes were approved.

REPORTS, PROJECTS AND TIMELINES

Winter Recreation Updates

With the lack of snow this winter, all snow events have been canceled. The cold dry weather has been great for ice skating and all of the skating ponds are in great shape.

Recreation Program and Project Updates

The Recreation Department has a Facebook page and invites everyone to "like" them to get the up to date information on what great things are going on in the city. The spring brochure will be coming out soon.

Ethan Owens presented a slide show of the projects that the Recreation Department has worked the past year.