

**CITY MEADOW COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
August 20, 2018
5:00 p.m. – Town Hall
Draft Minutes**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm

Attendance: Molly Ackerly (chair), Barbara Spiegel, Adair Mali, and First Selectman Matt Riiska.

Barbara Spiegel was appointed acting secretary.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 16, 2018 were approved as written.

Correspondence: There was no correspondence.

Old Business—Phase I

- SumCo will be on site mid-September to do cutting and remedial work. A subcontractor will be with them and will apply herbicide to the invasives as needed.

Four Tamarack Trees near Fire Station are dead. Molly Ackerly suggests having them replaced with wetlands-tolerant shrubs, in place of the trees and/or to get a credit from SumCo.

Matt Riiska will check with SumCo about their method of getting rid of phragmites. We are now in our fourth year of removing phragmites.

SumCo will tighten the cables along the boardwalk and take care of replacement parts on the solar lights.

- Leo Groppo gave an estimate of \$6,700 to build the stairs to the pizza shop property. Matt Riiska will follow-up and hire Mr. Groppo to build the stairs.

Phase II

- Bob Gilchrest is working on the design for stairway to Station Place. He identified a contractor who can do the borings, to determine the best location. This work will be done before any significant time is spent on design.
- The deck near the pond will be designed after the stairway to Station Place is complete.

New Business

- Discussion of yearly maintenance costs of the boardwalk and City Meadow property. Matt Riiska will research and discuss with Board of Finance the best way to put funds into the budget for maintenance, repairs, and replacement of the boardwalk and City Meadow.

- Maintenance should include spot treatment of phragmites, cleaning up plants that grow through boardwalk, maintenance of solar lights, and repairs to cables.

Next meeting: September 17, 2018 at 4 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Barbara Spiegel
Acting Secretary