

CITY MEADOW COMMITTEE

August 16, 2021

Minutes

Call to Order: Molly Ackerly called the meeting to order at 5:36, live at Town Hall.

Attendance: Barbara Spiegel, Molly Ackerly, Peter Antstey, and John Anderson.
Also in attendance: First Selectman Matt Riiska, Pete Anderson, and Steve Melville.

Minutes: Minutes of Special Meeting on June 21, 2021 approved unanimously.

Status of Deck and Stair Project: Millenium Builders will start the project by mid-September. They expect the project to take about two months to complete.

Matt Riiska commented that there will be sufficient power on the decks (new and existing), so bands can perform in City Meadow.

Maintenance (also included here—Correspondence): Cynthia Rabinowitz of the Northwest Conservation District visited City Meadow with Molly. Cynthia had a very positive reaction to the Meadow. She will be writing a maintenance plan, at no cost to us, that will address removal of invasive plants, new plantings, and ongoing upkeep and maintenance of the Meadow. She will have her plan to us by mid-late October.

She strongly encouraged including signage about the Meadow.

Discussion followed re the creation of “Friends of City Meadow” or “Friends of Norfolk Meadow”. Ideally, this group will have representation from the Conservation Commission, the Norfolk Land Trust, Rails to Trails, Community Associates, the Norfolk Foundation, and any other interested individuals.

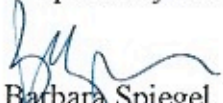
The Town (current employees, contracted personnel, new employee) will be responsible for the work to be done and paying for the work. Funding to support the ongoing maintenance will come from the Town Budget, the Moore Bailey Fund, the Evan Hughes Fund, and contributions raised in the new “Friends” group

Discussion of **immediate maintenance** to be done. Matt Riiska will oversee that the following is accomplished in the next few weeks:

- Mowing and weed whacking along the boardwalk and gravel paths
- Removal of the solar lights (that are mostly broken and not working)
- Cutting down dead trees in the Meadow

Meeting adjourned 6:57.

Respectfully submitted,


Barbara Spiegel
Acting Secretary

Next meeting: Monday, September 20, 2021 at 5:30