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Jen Rothenberg
Phil Lasker
Scott Walker
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Sarah Carrier- Associate

MEETING NOTICE

The Park and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, January 24, 2023
7:00 PM - REMOTE MEETING via ZOOM

AGENDA

- 1) Open Space Committee Request for Picture Post Replacement – MRP, Reservoir
- 2) Menotomy Parks Bench Location/Historical Commission Discussion
- 3) Approval of Minutes – 1/10/2023
- 4) Comments and Items for Future Meetings:
 - a) Open Space and Recreation Plan -TBD
 - b) AHS & Public Art Request Review– Proposed Meeting February 14, 2023
 - c) Off Leash Program Review – Proposed Meeting February 28, 2023
- 5) Correspondence Received: Karin Turer (Peirce Playground), Ellen Kravitz (Hills Hill)
- 6) New Business
- 7) Open Forum – Public Comment

You are invited to a Zoom meeting.
When: January 24, 2023 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcufumhpzggG9Qb0sSEmTORzHHIMoceOY0h>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

From: David White <dwhite@gilbertwhite.com>
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Cc: Elisabeth Carr-Jones <elisabeth@carr-jones.com>, 'David Morgan' <DMorgan@town.arlington.ma.us>, "LeRoyer, Ann" <annleroyer12@gmail.com>
Date: 12/09/2022 01:30 PM
Subject: Picture Post Request from the Open Space Committee

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Hi all,

Attached is a proposal from the Open Space Committee to update the signage on the existing Picture Posts.

We'd like to pass this by the Park and Recreation Commission for approval as these sites are on property that you manage.

We are also willing to meet with you as you like.

David White and Elisabeth Carr-Jones
for the Open Space Committee

Attachments:

File: <u>Picture Posts and Arlington 221201-2.pdf</u>	Size: 656k	Content Type: application/pdf
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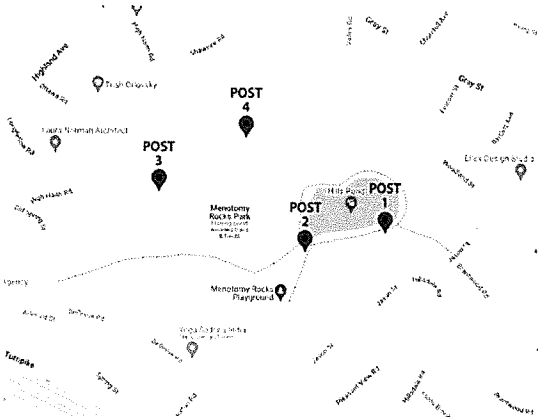
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Arlington Picture Post Update – December 2022

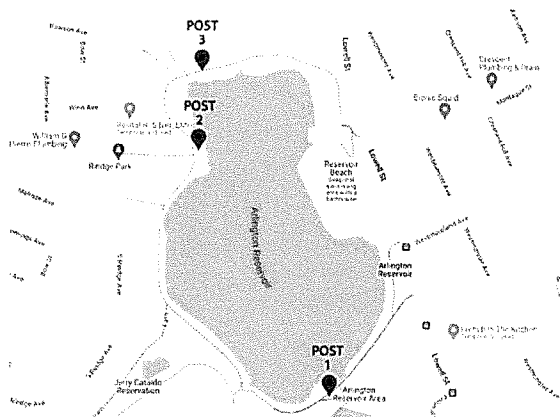
Picture Posts is a citizen science project with stations around the world, but mostly in the US. Picture Posts are installed at forests, parks, and schools - even backyards. Each post guides visitors to photograph a location in nine orientations. Photos are dated, geotagged, uploaded, and shared on this site. Picture Post is a part of the Digital Earth Watch (DEW) network.

Picture posts are an environmental and educational resource. Here is a presentation that discusses many of the educational aspects. <https://picturepost.ou.edu/resources/BOF-Educators1.pdf>. The Picture Post project started at the University of New Hampshire but is now hosted at the University of Oklahoma. Funding is provided by NASA and the US Park Service. The website is: <https://picturepost.ou.edu/>

Arlington currently has seven picture posts, four in Menotomy Rocks Park and three at the Arlington Reservoir.



Picture Post locations at Menotomy Rock Park.



Picture Post locations at the Arlington Reservoir.



Picture Post 3 at the Arlington Reservoir.

Now that the program has moved to the University of Oklahoma, we are requesting permission to update the signs on these existing seven posts with the proposed artwork shown on page 2. Once approved, the signs could be installed as early as this winter.

We also plan to reach out to schools and others in the coming year to identify other possible Picture Post locations. We will of course contact the property managers of these sites for permission.

Thank you,
Elisabeth Carr-Jones and David White
for the Arlington Open Space Committee

Version 12/1/22

Existing Signs

8.5" x 11" (wrapped)
Paper in plastic sleeve
Stapled to post

Menotomy Rocks Park Picture Post #1
Latitude: 42.410617°N
Longitude: 71.164983°W

The project: We are studying the health of plants and the status of invasive species in this area of Menotomy Rocks Park while having fun watching nature change with the seasons.

We need digital pictures to create a time-lapse sequence of photos that will document the growth of plants 360° around this picture post throughout the year, and hopefully years to come.

You can help by taking a set of pictures from this post. Here's how:

- Take a digital picture of these instructions to indicate the location of the post. Include your watch in the picture, if possible, since this will be used as an accurate check of the time and date of the photos. Make it easier and download an *iPhone* app to automatically upload the photos:
<http://picturepost.unh.edu/mobileapps.jsp>
- Place the bottom of the digital camera flat on the disc, with the back against the side of the octagon that faces North and is marked "N." Align the middle of the back of your camera with the edge of the octagon. Point the lens away from the post.
- Use widest angle lens setting and take a picture. Repeat for the other 7 *clockwise* locations on the octagon.
- With the camera pointing skyward and the bottom along the north edge of octagon, take a picture of the sky and/or leaf canopy cover overhead.
- Submit your photos and view others' at <http://picturepost.unh.edu/post.jsp?postId=5>

If you have nothing to write this information down, take a photograph of this card and reread on your computer screen.



picture post

<http://picturepost.unh.edu/>



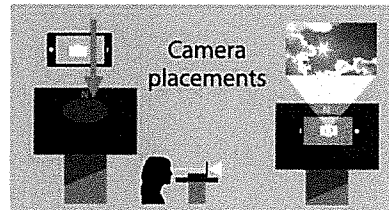
Proposed Signs

4.5" x 12"
Printed on aluminum
Screwed to post

Calling all Community Scientists!

Arlington is participating in a project to study plant health and invasive status with photos throughout the seasons and years.

You can help!



1. Photograph this sign, noting the time & date.
2. Place your phone/camera lengthwise against the platform facing north, marked "N".
3. Take a photo pointing away from the post.
4. Repeat for the other 7 sides of the octagonal block, going clockwise.
5. Roll your camera on its back along the north edge, and take an UP photo.
6. Upload photos and view others for this Picture Post using this QR code ► or the url below. You can upload now if you are using a mobile phone.



Menotomy Rocks Park Picture Post 1
<https://picturepost.ou.edu/post.jsp?postId=5>

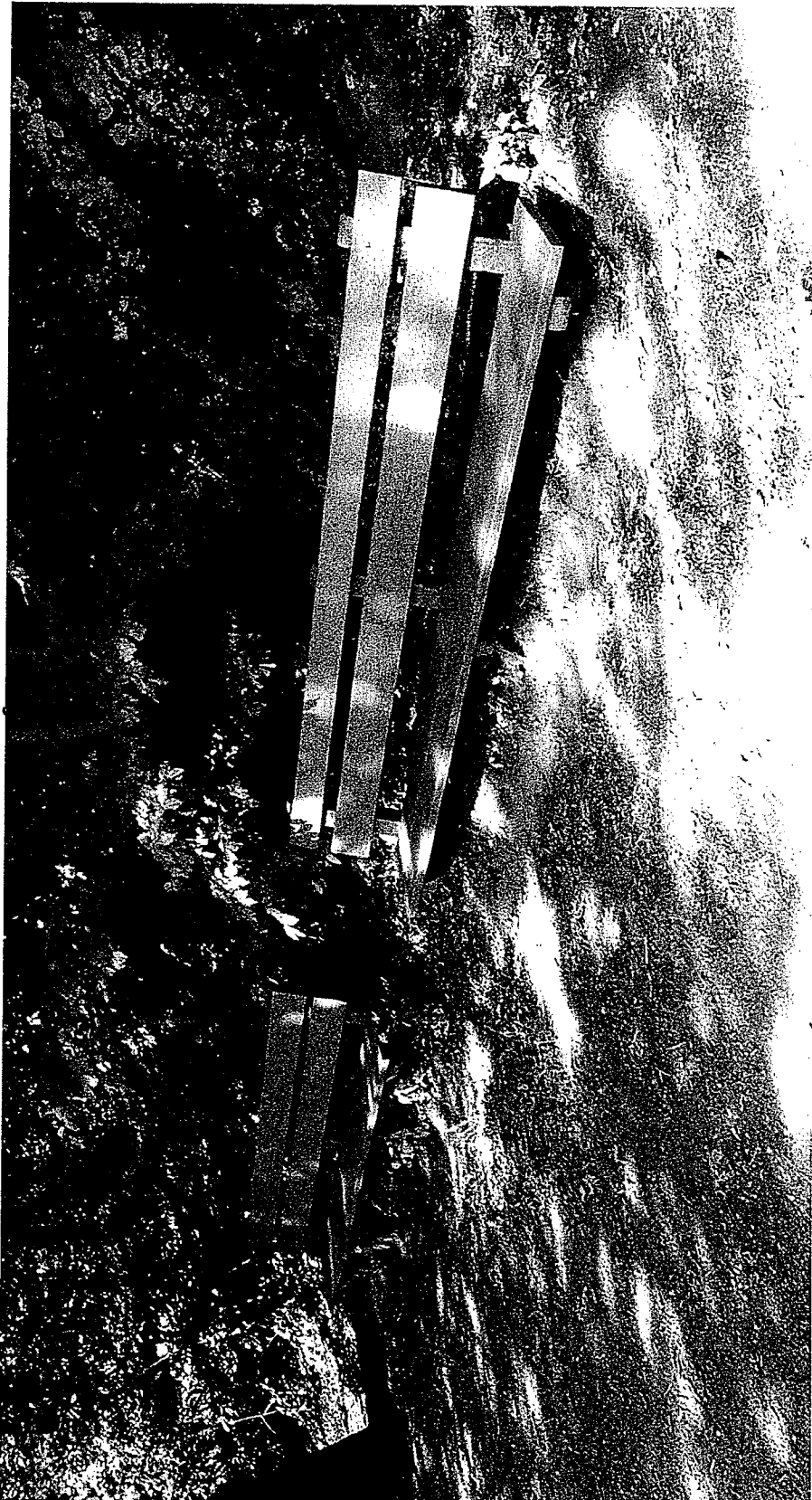
Find out more about the project and see photos from other posts at picturepost.ou.edu.

Thank you for being a
community scientist!

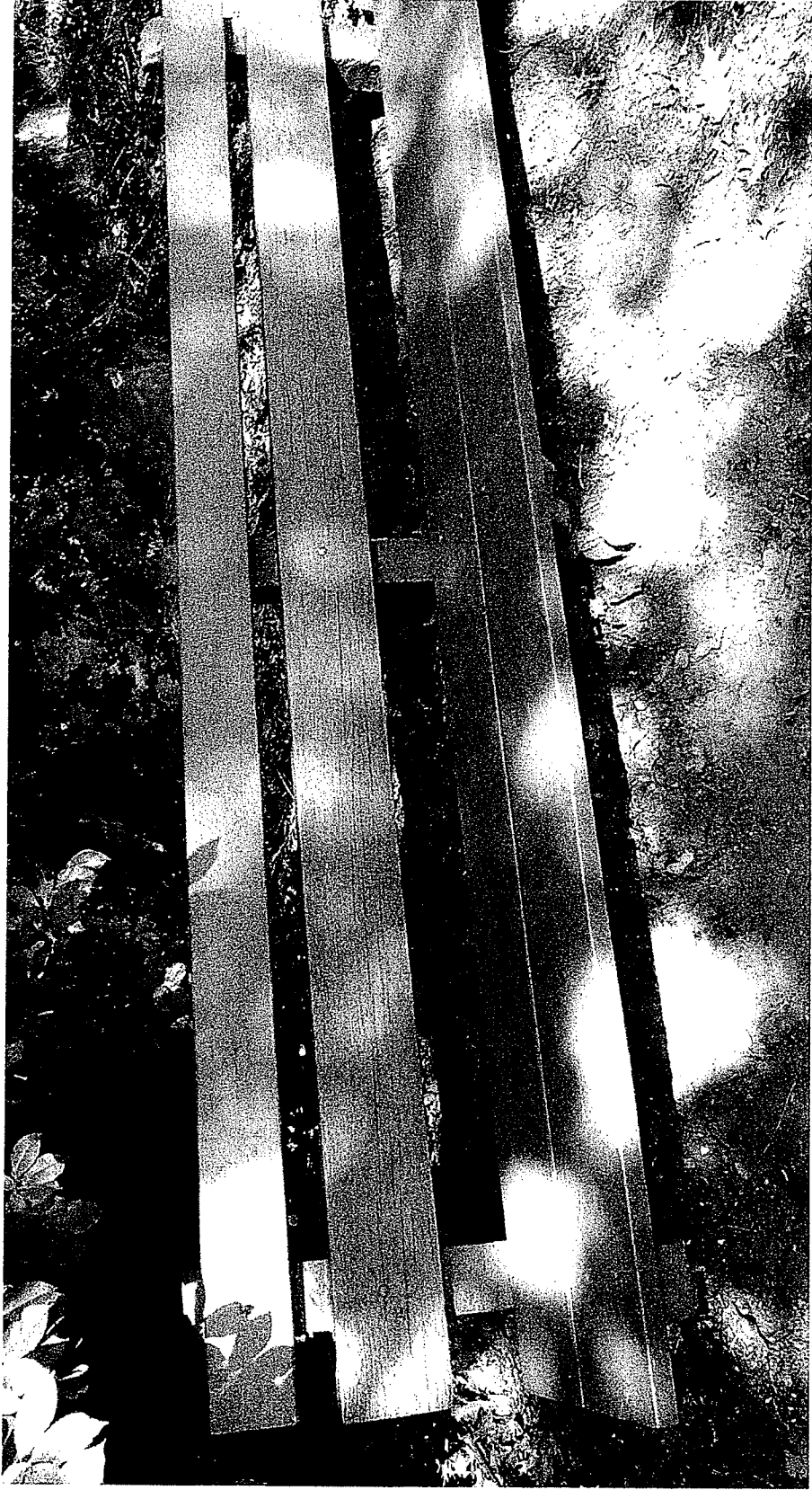


picture post

Benches North Side of Hills Pond
Early 9/23/22



An Original Bench



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Concrete and Wood Bench with Armrest

\$1,630.00

Item:

3238-8-Ext-ARM

Product Overview:

Concrete and Wood Bench with Steel Armrest

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Restoration Bench Options

Ideal:

Two benches each: 10' long, two 2x8 planks as seats, two 2x8 planks for backs, planks primed & top coated, three concrete frames that match original profile, light gray, frames include 2" pier

Built by local artisan: Planks same as ideal made from 2x8x10' construction material. Benjamin Moore Paint: Primer- Fresh Start, Top coat- W103 4X, See formula below, Concrete frames: shape to duplicate remaining legs including bolt holes, Casting Mold for legs: bottom: 2 sheets 3/4 plywood, sides shaped from 2" construction material to match frames on existing benches, incorporate base 2" long, shelf under seats to accept 5/16 carriage bolts, include 3/8" holes for bolts, 2 holes for each plank crossing, Concrete: standard Quikrete with low water content, less than 50:50, for strength. Mount on slab 2" inches thick. A cost estimate at \$50/hr for one bench is \$2600.

Customized Commercial Product: Kenneth Lynch & Sons, 114 Willenbrook Rd, Oxford, CT 06478; (203)264 2831, Info@klynchandsons.com; Model 3238, Designed in 1934 for Sara D Roosevelt Park in NYC Lower East Side; Slab option for installation 5" below grade 2"; Standard max length 8'- longer would be custom, Slats Ipe with green painted, white oak option. Informal quote \$2067 for 8' w/ 3 legs, painted slats, total weighing 862lb. Not assembled. Single leg weight? Fasteners? 2x8 slat option?

Y3	7x	10.75
S1	1x	18.25
W1	0x	
B1	3x	3.00

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ARLINGTON PARK & RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING MINTUES

January 10, 2023

The Town of Arlington Park and Recreation Commission came to order for its online virtual meeting via Zoom on Tuesday January 10, 2023 at 7:00pm.

Commission Members: Phil Lasker, Leslie Mayer, Shirley Canniff, Scott Walker and Josh Fenollosa. Jen Rothenberg and Sarah Carrier were not in attendance. Recreation Director Joe Connelly was also present.

Preliminary Matter: Phil Walker, Park & Recreation Commission chair, took formal attendance via a roll call and read a statement pertaining to Governor Baker's Public Meeting Law change due to COVID-19 regarding virtual meetings. Meeting business ground rules and procedures were also covered by Mr. Lasker.

Open Forum: N/A

Capital Project Updates :

Spy 95% complete and Parmenter 92% complete

- Rubber test sent, waiting on lab results.
- Rubber cannot be installed until the spring.
- Fence work complete.
- One small load of EWF needed in tot area.
- Parmenter ramps complete, handrail as site measured and to be installed upon arrival.
- Parmenter paving work to be completed in the spring.
- No completion date available at this time, substantial completion by end of month.

Robbins Playground

- Second public input meeting went very well with over 50 participants.
- Mr. Connelly is reviewing draft of preferred plan tomorrow.
- Next public meeting is early February.

Arlington Reservoir Phase II – No change

- Small punch list items remain.
 - Planting replacement in spring and clean-up of paths.
- Final walkthrough with LCWF completed.

Stratton, Peirce, Bishop ARPA Project –No change

- Bishop is Open – Sealcoating in the spring.
- Stratton Open with some minor tweaks in the spring.
- Peirce –Open - Sealcoating in the spring with change to PIP early summer.
- A copy of the punch list was provided to the Commission.

Hurd Field Project

- Majority of project complete.
- Working on patio entrance and pavers.
- Field is substantially completed.
- We did ask for some additional fencing work to be completed.
- Waiting on change order for scoreboard.

Poets Corner

- Filing with Concom on Wetland delineation soon.

- Follow up public meeting to occur after wetland delineation.

Turf Prohibition Discussion

- Meeting with Conservation Commission last week.
- Concom to hold off on prohibition language during Town Manager's "Study Period".
- Town Wide Forum to take place February/March.

Arlington Court Needs Assessment

- RFP awarded to Activitas. Activitas has an abundance of court knowledge and is currently conducting survey work which will produce data to assist with CPA requests.
- Activitas taking drone pictures of existing sites this week.
- Meeting with Activitas on the 18th.

CPA Requests – Hills Hill, Menotomy, Turkey Hill

- Final applications have been submitted.
- Presentations are scheduled for February 1st. Mr. Connelly will make a five minute presentation for each project which will be followed by a 5 minute question and answer period.

Approval of Minutes: 10/25/2022. 11/8/2022. 12/13/2022

Ms. Mayer motioned to approve the minutes of October 25, 2022, as submitted, seconded by Ms. Canniff. Approved 3-0 by roll call vote.

Ms. Mayer – Yes
Ms. Canniff – Yes
Mr. Lasker – Yes
Mr. Walker – abstain

Ms. Mayer motioned to approve the minutes of November 8, 2022, as amended, seconded by Ms. Canniff. Approved 3-0 by roll call vote.

Ms. Mayer – Yes
Ms. Canniff – Yes
Mr. Walker – Yes
Mr. Lasker – abstain

Regarding the meeting held on December 13, 2022, Ms. Mayer recommended that comments submitted via Zoom Chat should not be included in meeting minutes. Commission meetings are held to address PRC business. Public meetings are held separately to share thoughts and gather information. The recommendation was supported by the Commission. Mr. Connelly will disable the chat feature going forward. Ms. Canniff requested that it be noted that she was disheartened by the events at the last meeting because the chat feature had been a good source of communication in the past.

Ms. Mayer motioned to approve the minutes of December 13, 2022, as amended, seconded by Mr. Walker. Approved 4-0 by roll call vote.

Ms. Mayer – Yes

Mr. Walker – Yes
Ms. Canniff – Yes
Mr. Lasker - Yes

Comments and Items for Future Meetings:

- a) Open Space and Recreation Plan -TBD
- b) Historical Commission Discussion - Menotomy Rocks Park - Proposed Meeting January 24, 2023
- c) Bench Location Menotomy Rocks Park Continued Discussion — Proposed Meeting January 24, 2023
- d) Open Space Committee Request for Picture Post Replacement — MRP, Reservoir — Proposed Meeting January 24, 2023. The Commission will further discuss the historical aspects of MRP.
- e) Off Leash Program Review — Proposed Meeting February 28, 2023. The Commission will discuss the current by-laws. APD is conducting interviews for a new Animal Control Officer. Ms. Mayer suggested that a member of the Commission represent Parks and Recreation to discuss AOC needs with APD. Mr. Connelly will have a conversation with APD to insure that the new AOC will enforce the current laws. Mr. Lasker inquired about the annual email blast to remind residents of policies, fines, etc. Ms. Mayer stated that it will go out again in the spring.
- f) AHS & Public Art Request Review— Proposed Meeting February 14, 2023. Mr. Connelly and Ms. Rothenberg met with AHS and Arlington Public Art to hear more about the program. The groups have been invited to attend the Commission meeting scheduled for February 14th. AHS students are invited to attend as well. Mr. Connelly noted that the students have been prepped for the public process.

Correspondence Received: MRP Dog Enforcement (Mary Greenwald), Hills Hill MTB (Various). George Buckley (Poets), Off Leash Dogs Reservoir Beach (Augusta Sparks)

New Business: N/A

Ms. Canniff motioned to adjourn at 7:50pm, seconded by Ms. Mayer. Approved 4-0 by roll call vote.

- Ms. Canniff – Yes
- Ms. Mayer – Yes
- Mr. Walker – Yes
- Mr. Lasker – Yes

The Arlington Park & Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes were respectfully submitted by Deanna Stacchi.

From: Karin Turer <karin@tugboat23.com>
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Date: 01/10/2023 07:51 PM
Subject: Quick question

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Hi Joe -

Chat isn't on in tonight's meeting, so quick question - is it still helpful to have more support letters for Hill's Hill? Some of us started a website and if there are action items at present to support the project, we'd like to add them.

At the moment, it seems that our next step is making sure that the Town Meeting votes for the project. But if we can still send letters for the CPA, just say the word.

Also, thank you (and please pass along my thanks to the Commission) for the great work on the new big playground at Peirce School. I live so close to the school, and I have enjoyed seeing it become the new spot for kids and families to congregate. There's so much for everyone and it's just a really happy space. On weekends it has been packed with people of all ages. I also sub at Peirce a few times a month and the staff and kids are so delighted to have such a great new playground. You should really see what it looks like to watch the kids run out of the school to recess!

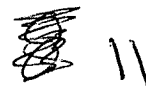
Best regards,
Karin T

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Cc: jfeeney@town.arlington.ma.us
Date: 01/13/2023 08:14 PM
Subject: Bike trails at Hills Hill

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Hi Joe,

I hope it is not too late for me to weigh in on the proposed Hill's Hill bike trails. As others have requested, I too hope the pump track will be built outside of the woods, and that the bike trails within Hills Hill are built in consultation with independent experts (selected by Arlington committees, not the contractor) who can insure minimal damage to the habitat.

I live across from Hills Hill and have always been grateful there was a small area of barely touched (except for the teens on Friday nights) land where trees, plants and animals were for the most part left in peace (over the years I've seen coyotes, woodchucks, owls, etc. in Hills Hill). For more than a decade, I have walked several miles each night on varying routes and watched many patches of trees/shrubs disappear as smaller homes are torn down and replaced by mansions. We are slowly removing every last bit of natural habitat, and then folks complain about water runoff, nuisance wildlife, etc. I'm sure there is a way to accommodate bikers while maintaining the habitat in Hills Hill, but I don't see how it can be done if a pump track is added to the woods.

I am impressed by and commend your work on the fine athletic fields and facilities in Arlington, but I also think it's important to protect the tiny bits of wild space that remain.

One small suggestion for the new Hills Hill biking area: Trash has always been a huge problem within Hills Hill and at the Washington Street extension entrance (abutters are sick of cleaning it up). Included in funding for the bike trail, please add trash barrels/trash pick up, perhaps one at the entrance from the soccer field and definitely at least one (maybe 2?) at the entrance from the Washington St. extension. If nothing else, barrels make it feasible for good samaritans walking by to help keep the area clean. (I frequently pick up others' litter, but only if barrels are fairly close by).

While on the topic of litter... not sure if you have any say in this....The woods that run along Summer St., adjacent to the soccer field, small baseball field and

hockey rink are also filled with trash. I fear the addition of a bike trail will only add to that. Any possibility the town can clean the woods once per year, in early spring, before the underbrush and poison ivy grow?

Thank you for listening and for all of your efforts for Arlington.

Ellen Kravitz
10 King Street

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