



## City of Auburn, Maine

Recreation Department

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### **Parks and Recreation Advisory Board - Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:30pm

ZOOM

**Members Present:** Sabrina Best, Rick Martel, Misty Edgecomb, Paula Curtis-Everett, Haley Warden and Suzanne Roy

**Absent:** Tim Cogle and Mike Thurston

**Meeting Minutes: November - Haley/Misty; all in favor.**

**Department Update** - Sabrina provided an update on the Department's most recent events Holiday Hub, Virtual Tree lighting and upcoming reverse parade. The Winter/Spring brochure should be completed and out to the public Mid-December.

### **Work in Progress:**

- **Tot Lot workgroup** – Haley has reached out to those interested, there were a few emails that bounced back. Goal is to have first meeting after the Holiday's (Mid-Jan). Haley will include Rick and Paula on the meeting invite.
- **Municipal Beach** – Suzanne reported that no meeting has been held yet, there seemed to be a lot of work already done with the beach and water quality. Sabrina confirmed that there is still a need for a group discussion/meeting as the Council will be looking for a cost analysis from this workgroup on alternative solutions (installing pool, buying property on Taylor Pond etc). Sabrina, Misty and Suzanne will re connect and hope to have a meeting by Mid-January with public members.
- **Festival Plaza workgroup** – Sabrina reported there is a meeting next week with staff and community members to start the conversation. Will report back to the board at next meeting.
- **Mt. Apatite** – Rick reported there was no meeting in November will look to hold a Zoom meeting in December. Rick continues to work with Carl to finish the new Master Sign maps for main entrances. Sabrina reported the recent Council vote and support of reallocating \$25,000 from FY20 CIP towards fitness equipment towards Mt. Apatite upgrades which would cover improvement to parking at Small Rd. entrance and signage throughout the park. It was noted that signage around the Mine area is needed.
- **Auburn Suburban** – Nothing to report at this time.
- **PAL** – Nothing to report at this time.



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- **Committees on Committees** – Nothing formal has been implemented at this time, Sabrina will keep the board updated as there is movement on this topic.

### **New Business:**

- **Trail Mapping** – Sabrina provided an update to the Council on Trails and Trail mapping. The Council was supportive of staff continuing to work on updating GIS with Trail Maps and adding Trails to the City's Park Finder. If there is a need for Trail workgroups this would fall under Conservation Commission (with Mt. Apatite remaining under Parks and Rec Advisory).
- **FY22 Budget and CIP request** – Draft budgets are due end of December, if there is anything the board would like to be requested please submit those to Sabrina. Items such as Dog Park, Municipal Beach, Tot Lot, ADA Accessible playground equipment were discussed.

**Meeting was adjourned, Haley proposed, Rick seconded, and it was unanimous.**