



# City of Auburn, Maine

## Recreation Department

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

Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:30pm

Room 204, Auburn City Hall

**Members Present:** Jeremy Gatcomb, Mike Thurston, Dana Staples, Tim Cogle, Rick Martel, Tim Cogle, Paula-Curtis Everett, and Suzanne Roy

**Public Present:** Leroy Walker and Belinda Gerry

1. Approval of January Minutes: **Motion to accept Tim Cogle/Rick Martel, Unanimous.**

### **2. Work in Progress**

- a) 2019-2020 CIP Projects: Jeremy went through the Department's list of CIP requests for FY21. This list includes Ingersoll and NSBA items and was a 5-year plan. Jeremy explained each item and allowed for questions. (Attached)
- b) Mount Apatite: Rick Martel gave an update on the Mt. Apatite. FOMA Hosted a snowshoeing event during Winter Fest, had roughly 15-20 attendees. People enjoyed the opportunity and a few of them it was their first time and look forward to going back. Trail names/markings still being worked on by the friends of Mt. Apatite group. Working with Bates College students on gathering the info to help finalize this project. Currently the Friends of Mt. Apatite have roughly 230 members/followers. Entrance is still an issue. Garfield R. ASBS/NG entrance is still an issue due to the guard owning property. National Guard contacts have not responded to communications regarding putting up signage to designate the trail opening or to re-direct people to Small Rd. entrance. Still working on making Small Rd. the main and only entrance to Mt. Apatite. Group is looking at areas to install pet waste bags and trash cans for disposing. Looking into grant/donations opportunity to get initial items and extra replacement bags. Small Rd. entrance has been designated for the first location for installation so people can grab a bag before they walk the trail and have a trash can there as well to dispose of after the walk.
- c) Park Improvement Discussion: Some park improvement ideas were brought forward from the group. Misty mentioned looking at getting extra fencing installed at Raymond Park to help protect any kids from walking out of the park and into So. Main St. Currently has barricade style fencing to stop vehicles from driving, but nothing to stop children from leaving playground. Group wanted to look into having a lettered drafted by Rec. Advisory Board to get support/funding similar to the River Road project. Suzanne Roy and Paula Curtis attended the Conservation Committee Board meeting. Both mentioned bringing up the idea to having a Rec. Advisory Board member attending their meeting and a member of the Conservation Committee attend the Rec. Advisory board. Would help avoid any duplicated efforts and hopefully bridge the gap to having both groups work together to help improve Park Projects. Also mentioned sharing meeting minutes between the groups as well.



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### 3. New Business/Open Session for the Public

- a) Jeremy talked about the Department taking the Council on a tour of the various facilities on Monday March 9<sup>th</sup>. The Board is welcome to join.
- b) Jeremy talked about the Department presenting their budget to the Council on Thursday April 16<sup>th</sup>. The Board is welcome to come and support.

### 4. Department Update – Tabled

### 5. Next Meeting

- a) March 11, 2020 6:30 pm at City Hall Room 204
- b) Items for next meeting
  - a. Sabrina will talk about Budget needs and challenges for FY21 (copies of proposed budget will be available at the April meeting after it is presented to council)

### 7. Adjourn

**\*\*Motion: to Adjourn by Rick Martel/Tim Cogle unanimous**