

**Preston Parks & Recreation Commission  
Regular Meeting  
July 27, 2021  
Preston Community Park Pavilion  
7:30 pm**

**Call to Order/Roll**

Chairman Turner called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm

**Members present:** Tom Turner, Katie Iozzia, Dan Coley

**Members excused:** Rachel Tucker, Gary Deveau, Mikel Brockway

**Members absent:** Kim Demara, Paul LoPresti,

**Alternates present:** Roberta Charpentier - seated

**Also present:** Amy Brosnan, Director, Roberta Charpentier, recorder

*Chairman Turner seated Roberta Charpentier*

Chairman Turner introduced and awarded Zach Ruta an award for his essay on how being raised in Preston was influential.

**Tri-Town Trail Presentation**

Bea Reynolds, Tri-Town Trail Board Member gave a presentation of the history of the Trail with a slide presentation

- When complete, the trail will stretch fourteen miles from Bluff Point north through the central areas of Groton and Ledyard, to Preston Community Park. 14 miles and this trail only crosses 4 major roads
- In 2009, Kent and Frost Landscape Architect and Design was hired to develop the Master Plan.
- Groton gave the okay to put up signs at Bluff Point
- Groton Utilities and Tri-Town Trail are having discussions about accessing GU property
- Numerous crossings were built during 2021
- Spicer Rock
- Colonial foundation and dug well
- Mature forest

October 3<sup>rd</sup> the Grand Opening of the trail at Preston Community Park

Fun run, food trucks, Ribbon cutting ceremony, Amby Burfoot is attending

R. Charpentier stated that Preston's Boy Scout Troop 75 has had 2 Eagle Projects on the trail. One scout paid for and built a bog crossing and the other scout is building and installing benches.

B. Reynolds noted that a cross walk is needed because Park patrons cross the road to use the trail and the trail's parking lot is also used as overflow parking when Preston Park's lot is full. So residents are crossing the street to get to a sporting event at the Park.

**Public Comment**

None

**Meeting Minutes:**

**June 22, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**June 28, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes**

**A motion was made by D. Coley and seconded by R. Charpentier to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 22, 2021 as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**A motion was made by R. Charpentier and seconded by T. Turner to approve the Special Meeting Minutes of June 28, 2021 as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Treasurer's Report**

**A motion was made by K. Iozzia and seconded by D. Coley to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented.**

**All in favor. Motion carries.**

**Correspondence Received/Sent Out**

None

**Line Item Transfers**

A. Brosnan stated that she and Chairman Turner attended a BoS meeting and they approved the transfers that were requested at last month's P&R meeting

*A motion was made by R. Tucker and seconded by K. Iozzia to recommend to the Board of Selectmen approval of a transfer of \$12,289.76 from Part time staff-general, 10.5.71.4500.4503.5171 to: \$9,661 into General Rec Park: Repairs and Maintenance, 10.5.78.4500.4503.5336 for wood-chips and painting*

*\$1234.99 into General Rec. TH: Program Supplies, 10.5.71.4500.4503.5610 for cell phone*

*\$1393.77 into General Rec Park: Program Supplies, 10.5.78.4500.4503.5610 for COVID supplies and if the transfer cannot be transferred in time encumber them.*

*All in favor. Motion carries*

**Park Maintenance and Development**

• **General Maintenance Update**

Maintenance job was offered to an applicant who will be starting next week.

**STEAP Grant**

Split rail fence has been replaced

### **Membership & Elections**

#### **Open positions: (2) Regular Member & Alternate Member**

Will re-post on the Town's webpage

### **Programs and Activities Update**

- Zumba
- Lacrosse clinic
- Track & Field at Preston Plains School
- Archery Camp
- Sky Hawks sports and games
- Summer Day Camp

### **Community Events:**

- **Summer Sizzler**  
Went very well
- **Fall Yard Sale**  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> , Congregational Church will hold their yard sale on the same day.

### **Fundraisers**

- **Engraved Bricks**
- **911 Emergency Signs**

A. Brosnan noted that these 2 fundraiser will run for the months of July and August.

### **Preston Little League**

Tabled

### **New/Additional Business**

- **Tri Town Trail Association**

Moved up on the agenda

- **SERAC: Tobacco and Vape Free Banners**

Grant received for 3 banners for Towns to hang up on the fields

- **Capital Projects**

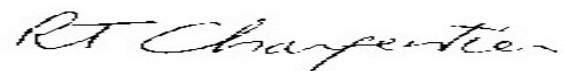
Chairman Turner asked members to start thing about what is needed because requests need to be submitted during the month of September.

### **Adjournment**

**A motion was made by K. Iozzia and seconded by D. Coley to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 pm  
All in favor. Motion carries.**

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "RT Charpentier".

Roberta Charpentier  
Preston Recording Secretary