

# Minutes of the NEWTON UPPER FALLS AREA COUNCIL

Pursuant to *An Act Relative to Extending Certain State of Emergency Accommodations*, Chapter 22 of the Acts of 2022, signed into law by Governor Baker on July 16, 2022, this will be a HYBRID Meeting

**In Person in the Emerson Community Room or via Zoom**

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## November 16, 2023 7:00 p.m.

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Meeting Commenced at 7:09PM

### Area Councilors in attendance:

Matt Lai  
Jeff Riklin (acting President)  
Jay Werb (Treasurer)  
Kathaleen Brearley (Secretary)  
Patricia Connolly  
Julie Irish  
Marie Jackson  
Jack Neville

### Other City Staff

Carol Stapleton (Parks and Recreation)

### 1) Approval of Minutes from October Mtg (5 mins)

Jay Werb motioned to accept the minutes as submitted and Patricia Connolly seconded

the motion. All seven members in attendance voted to approve the October minutes as submitted.

## **2) Treasurer's Report (5 mins)**

Jay Werb reported there were no changes to the account balance.

## **3) Public Comment/Questions?**

### **4) Village Day: "Thank yous" and update plan for next year**

Julie Irish contacted Robin McLaughlin and found out it's possible the Pettee Square design project will still be going on the proposed date of Village Day 2024 (September 15, 2024). Jay Werb asked the question of why Village Day happens in the Fall rather than the Spring. Patty Connolly asked if participants like Phil Emmanuel (of Little Luke's) should be involved earlier on in the planning of Village Day.

She also suggested that we hire Barnyard Babies for Village Day next year, and others supported this idea.

### **5) Holiday Social: Cocoa and Carols in Pettee Square planning Friday December 15 6-7:30PM**

There was a discussion of Ideas of how to attract people through Social Media and the UF Newsletter. Jay Werb proposed that we fund the event 50% with NUFAC money and match the other 50% with sponsorship from the CDC. Jack Neville seconded this proposal for funding.

### **6) Discussion completed Google Doc list of uses for Northland Transportation Fund**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OchGo8Mfcx4ukK79a\\_i051GcmXzHGEiiv8LsHPSV\\_LfU/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OchGo8Mfcx4ukK79a_i051GcmXzHGEiiv8LsHPSV_LfU/edit?usp=sharing)

This included a broader discussion about beautification on Oak St and along the Greenway. The discussion clarified which items are most pressing as opposed to would be great but secondary to the most pressing issues related to sidewalks, streets, traffic and pedestrian safety.

### **7) Upper Falls News, Public Comments, questions**

Jeff Riklin reported that he will be meeting with the other Area Councils presidents and wanted to know what kind of questions they should be asking and felt we should be present in the management of the Area Council as a host for the City Councilor Election debates.

Carol Stapleton reported that the City will renovate the 2 bathrooms in the Emerson Community Center

Jay Werb asked about the latest news on zoning at this week's City Council. Others discussed how Councilor Albright would deal with VCOD vote in the proposed Zoning since the Village Center Overlay are one in the same.

### **8) Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM Julie Irish motioned to adjourn the November meeting and Matt Lai seconded this motion.

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