

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 an Online/Telephone Meeting

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December 21, 2023 7:00 p.m.

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Meeting Commenced at 7:35pm
Area Council Members in Attendance

Jeff Riklin
Kathaleen Brearley
Jack Neville
Julie Irish
Marie Jackson

Representative from Parks and Recreation: Carol Stapleton

1) Approval of Minutes from November Mtg (5 mins)

Marie Jackson motioned to approve the minutes as submitted and Julie Irish seconded this motion. All Area Councilors in attendance voted to approve the minutes as submitted.

2) Treasurer's Report (5 mins) n/a Treasurer in absentia

3) Public Comment/Questions?

4) Acknowledgements and any other items from the Cocoa and Carols event (Dec 15)

Julie Irish reminded NUFAC that a thank you to Phil Emmanuel (of Little Luke's) as well as to the two musicians who performed (Martha and Tom)

There was also a consensus about the success of the event and it was determined that it should be kept on the calendar annually. Two of the main reason were that it was much easier to plan and execute than the soup social, and also that it was positive benefit for an Upper Falls Business (Little Luke's)

5) Discussion re: NUFAC officers and new members for 2024-2026

Marie Jackson motioned to appoint Paula Kelleher as the ninth member of the Area Council and Kathaleen Brearley seconded this motion. All five members in attendance voted to appoint Paula Kelleher as ninth member of the Newton Upper Falls Area Council in January

6) Updates on items for Northland Transportation Fund list

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1OchGo8Mfcx4ukK79a_i051GcmXzHGEiiv8LsHPSV_LfU/edit?usp=sharing

Jay Werb set up a new document to be reviewed as homework for all other councilors before the January meeting (to make sure there are no last items missing)

7) Eagle Scout Project (presentation by Daniel Lee-Hassett)

Daniel Lee-Hassett presented his proposed project to build stairs as an erosion mitigation project at the end of Williams St along the river. The project was previously presented to the Conservation Commission on November 30th and approved.

Jeff Riklin motioned that NUFAC should support this project and part of the cost as well as the responsibility of maintenance for this project once it is built in spring 2024. All other four members in attendance voted to approve support of this Eagle Scout Project.

8) Social Media Back up for Upper Falls Newsletter

not discussed

9) Upper Falls News, Public Comments, questions

Jeff Riklin reported on the following projects that are before Historic Commission:

Sullivan Ave project (1036-1038 Chestnut St) – Apparently their Chimneys were rebuilt in violation to the original structure and will therefore need to be rebuilt.

14 Summer St The owners were not able to sell so they are now looking to rent.

The St Elizabeth's Center (260 Elliot St) is moving forward after no activity by the owner for several years. The Historic Commission has not received any design plans yet but the owner has revised their plan and is looking to convert the property to condominiums.

10) Adjourn

Kathaleen Brearley motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm and Marie Jackson seconded this motion. All members in attendance voted to adjourn.

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