



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

Meeting Location: Zoom

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription. A recording of the meeting will be available for 45 days post on the Parks and Recreation website.

Meeting Date: January 26, 2023

Time: 3:30 PM

Meeting Attendees: Phil Keans, David Shofi, Pete Nichols & Bob Schneider

Committee: (Check One)

- ☐ Aquatic & Program
- ☐ Budget & Policy
- ☒ Buildings & Grounds
- ☐ Marketing, Promotion and Memberships
- ☐ Special Services, Community Outreach, Customer Services
- ☐ Strategic Planning & Annual Goals

Agenda

1. Native Plant Policy
2. Other Buildings & Grounds Issues

Meeting Minutes

1. Committee Chair David Shofi called the meeting to order at 3:35 PM.
2. Discussion took place regarding preferred changes to the Town's native plant policy, including a list of non-invasive trees/shrubs/plantings the Buildings & Grounds Committee would like to present to the Conservation Commission for preapproval.
3. The list will first be vetted by the Town's tree warden, and include the specified P&R properties and reasons for any exceptions to the Town's native plant policy.
4. **Next Steps:** Schedule a meeting with Tree Warden, Steve Lavatori and Tree Committee, Bob Roth w/ tiered approach – proposed outline from David
5. Bob Schneider shared a new request from the Ridgefield Playhouse to hold three outdoor concerts at Governor Park during summer 2023. Baseball/softball teams would not have access to the fields for these dates, including time pre and post the events. A meeting has been scheduled to discuss with the Ridgefield Playhouse on Monday, January 30th.
6. **David Shofi moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:25 PM. Motion carried 3-0.**

Minutes submitted by: Bob Schneider