

**MINUTES** of meeting, June 29, 2015

Board Room, Department of Public Works (DPW), 20 Municipal Way

Present: Diane Campbell, chair; David Wright, vice chair; members Paul Criswell, Heidi Kost-Gross and Kurt Somerville; project manager Peter Jackson; Town staff Dave Hickey, Mike Pakstis and Brandon Schmitt.

The chair called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

**Minutes:** Draft minutes of the meeting of June 10, 2015 had been distributed previously. Corrections were offered by Diane and Brandon. MOVED Paul, SECONDED Heidi to approve the minutes as amended. PASSED unanimously.

**Authorization to work beyond current section:** Peter said that, in the interest of minimizing inconvenience to park users, the project had an understanding with the contractor that he would complete work in one section before starting work in the next one. However, a situation has come up in which it seems to make sense for the path construction crew, after completing its short path segment in section 2, to cross the section boundary and continue installing the path from State St. to Wellesley Ave., even though other work continues in section 2. The commission agreed, and expressed support in general for this kind of flexible scheduling as needed to keep the project moving ahead.

**Construction report:** Peter Jackson said that Caroline Brook between Paine St. and the high school had been dredged and reinforced. Materials removed from there and from State Street/Skating Pond are being tested for contaminants. Few of these are expected, other than background levels of metals and hydrocarbons from street runoff.

Granite bollards with the park name and logo were recently installed at several locations, bringing favorable comments in online media.

**Herbicides:** Peter said he will attend a seminar on herbicides in July to get an update on current products and how to use them responsibly. A resident with concerns about Roundup has recently been in touch with Peter and with the Natural Resources Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Wright, Vice Chair