

TOWN OF HAMDEN

TOWN CENTER PARK COMMISSION

A special electronic meeting of the Town Center Park Commission was held on Monday, May 18, 2020 using Zoom teleconferencing technology.

Members in Attendance: Matt Fitch, Chair, Gerry Tobin, Mike D'Andrea, Victor Mitchell, Jessica Hazen

Others In Attendance: Natalie Barletta, Clerk, Alisha Martindale, Arts and Marketing Manager

The following topics were discussed:

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

As noted above.

3. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 24, 2020 and MAY 4, 2020 MINUTES

Ms. Tobin made a motion to approve the February 24, 2020 minutes. Mr. Fitch seconded, and the vote was unanimous in favor to approve the minutes from the February 24, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the May 4th, 2020 minutes. Ms. Hazen seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Fitch said that it appears that while things are slowly getting better, most of the events scheduled are cancelled, according to the town's guidance. Chairman Fitch did add that the Farmer's Market is going on with socially distancing, and preorders for curbside pickup. Chairman Fitch added that the rest of the events are unlikely to happen, and that guidance will come from the town.

Chairman Fitch then turned the floor over to Ms. Martindale to give the commission a report of what's cancelled. Ms. Martindale said nothing expect Memorial Day Parade has been officially cancelled. Ms. Martindale did add that with the complications of the budget, she is certain that concerts and fireworks are 99 percent not happening. Ms.

Martindale then said that she doesn't know what's going to happen and what's in the budget, and that it doesn't seem as though that anyone will allow the large events to occur.

Ms. Martindale then said that the Farmer's Market is still happening, and the Administration is trying to figure out how to do it safely with the drive through pickup. She added that the Arts Commission wants to have concerts, but Fire Chief is uncertain that it's going to happen.

Mr. D'Andrea asked if there was a tentative opening date. Ms. Martindale said that the scheduled was the day before the fireworks. Chairman Fitch asked if they were still planning on Thursdays.

Chairman Fitch suggested that he has a Zoom meeting with Ms. Martindale, Mr. Donnelly, and Ms. Smith.

Ms. Hazen asked about which outside groups have cancelled. Ms. Martindale said the only one that she knew about is the Pancreatic Cancer Purple Stride.

There will be a special meeting at 4 p.m. Wednesday for Farmer's Market Planning Session.

5. COVID-19 RESPONSE REGARDING SUMMER AND FALL EVENTS

See above.

6. OLD BUSINESS

There was no further old business to discuss.

7. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Tobin made a motion to adjourn, Ms. Hazen seconded, and all were in favor. *The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.*

Submitted by Natalie Barletta, Commission Clerk