

Town of Hamden
Town Center Park Commission
Minutes of a Regular Meeting
Monday, October 25th 2021
4:45 pm
Via Zoom/ Telephonically

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Minutes

1. **Call To Order:** Chairman Fitch called the meeting to order at 4:47 PM.
2. **Attendance**
 - a. **In Attendance:** Matthew Fitch, Chairman; Gerry Tobin; Jessica Hazan
 - b. **Also In Attendance:** Julie Smith, Keefe Center
 - c. **Absent:** Mike D’Andrea; Victor Mitchell
3. **Approval of Past Minutes:**
 - a. As Mr. D’Andrea and Mr. Mitchell were both absent, Chairman Fitch decided to table the approval of the September 23, 2021 minutes until next month’s meeting.
4. **Chairman’s Report**
 - a. Chairman Fitch requested that a discussion regarding “Paint Hamden Pink” be added to the agenda. Ms. Tobin made a motion to add said item to the agenda, which was seconded by Ms. Hazan. All were in favor. Ms. Smith briefly explained that the “Paint Hamden Pink” group, which is comprised of volunteers, promotes breast cancer awareness and the importance of early detection. Due to Covid restrictions, the organization will not be hosting their usual walk, and have instead decided to donate a granite bench to the Town. Ms. Smith met with an organization rep, and the town gardener to discuss logistics. The granite bench would be surrounded by various pink flowers, along the brush line by Josh’s Jungle. This “garden of hope” would open in October 2022, during Breast Cancer Awareness month. Chairman Fitch noted that there are several proposed benches in a similar area, and believes this would be a complementary addition. Ms. Tobin requested some clarification regarding the other proposed benches. Chairman Fitch explained that two other benches have been proposed: one in honor of former mayor, Craig Henrici, and one in honor of former Council President, Al Gorman. One bench would be green, and one gold, to represent Hamden’s colors.

Ms. Smith also gave a brief update regarding Silverbells. Along with the support of the Arts Commission, the Arts & Culture Department has decided to do an abbreviated

version of a tree lighting, along with some caroling, and perhaps a socially distanced Santa interaction, where kids could see Santa and possibly give him their letters.

5. Old Business- N/A

6. New Business- N/A

7. Adjournment: At 5:00 pm, Ms. Tobin made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Hazan. All were in favor.

Submitted by: Liana Paglia, Commission Clerk