

**AZALEA PARK RIVERWALK COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024
4:00 p.m. GRANGE HALL**

ATTENDING: Gail Abromowicz, Susan Adams, Maegan Gagne, Marc McMurphy and Joan O'Connor. Brought to order: 3:58

MEMBERSHIP: Warren Mattiello has applied to the Town to become a member. He will attend our next meeting by Zoom. Peter Flynn agreed to be the BOS representative on the APR Committee.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Unchanged from last month—\$20,609.72
Mulch costs are outstanding.

FUNDRAISING: Copy of letter of intent to apply to the Cogswell Benevolent Trust was read and approved by all. Marc plans to speak on Azalea Park at the EDC meeting on April 23rd and the CDFA. White Birch will be sponsoring a summer concert to include donations to APR Committee and, in addition, will help with the costs of a new brochure. We voted unanimously to charge \$1,250 for a memorial picnic table. Susan has not heard back from Courtney Mullen who has requested a memorial bench.

OLD BUSINESS: Tom Ballestero replied to our question about the need to include the bend way weirs in the riverbank stabilization project. He gives the cause of the erosion to human activity as opposed to river current. He mentioned that there would be some hard stabilization but not to the extent of the weirs. We have not heard anything further on our ARPA Funding application.

NEW BUSINESS: The Spring Clean Up of the park is this Saturday from 9:00-11:00. The NEC Wrestling Team is expected to help with the mulching. Ashley Rainey, a grade 7 teacher at Memorial School has requested permission for her students to plant flowers in the park entrance as an Earth Day project. We unanimously agreed. We discussed the vandalism on the iron railings due to a bicycle adaptation. Maegan was familiar with it and suggested how to prevent further damage. We will contact Eric Mauer,

the installer, to help us.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:43.

NEXT MEETING: May 16th—4:00 —WHITE BIRCH