



Parks and Public Spaces Committee

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

~Attendance~

Members Present~ Robert Abbey, Andy Love, Dorothy Washburne, Cathy Galgano, Hilary Reeder, Veronica Babcock, Debra Kimball, Shawn Dolley, Margaret Barter, Melissa Lindley, Dorothy Washburne

Meeting Opened at 5:30PM

I. January Minutes - Unavailable

II. Updates~

- **Public Works** n/a
- **Quimby Field Follow Up** – postponed, information on the field and its origins shared with committee members, brief discussion
- **DOT and Tagging**
 - Robert talked with two people at DOT about removing the tagging on the sidewall of the Bridge St. bridge underpass. They said they ‘mostly use paint’.
 - PW has done a solid job removing it from other surfaces at Waterfront Park and downtown
 - **Members** ~ nothing further discussed

III. Signage

•Shared Shawn’s work on a signage project outline. Money exists in the current budget that could be carried over into the new FY. We discussed making 4 public parks/spaces as the main focus for historic signage – Common, Waterfront Park, Dearborn Park, Cobbossee Streamside. Further discussion/work needed. We also discussed the use of the ‘StQry’ app that Melissa is working on – so that we would have a guided walk for a cellphone/laptop as well as signs IRL. Among the potential sites: **Common** - monuments, churches (?) / **Dearborn** - Opera House, General Dearborn, Kenneth Tuttle / **Waterfront Park** and McKay-Soffer (TW Dick reference) sculptures and The Rising replacement / **Cobbossee Corridor/Stream** - Dams, Mill sites/Industry history.

Motion by Member Hilary Reeder – Proposed a phased project to create signage with the focus on 1) Gardiner Common, 2) Dearborn Park, 3) Waterfront Park, Cobbossee Stream

Approved: Unanimous

Members agreed to meet as a subgroup to do further planning to include GPL Director, Dawn Thistle. (Robert, Cathy, Andy, Shawn, Dawn)

IV. Adjourn



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