SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, May 12, 2022

1. Call to Order

The Essex Park & Recreation Commission conducted a special meeting on Thursday, May 12, 2022, 5:30 p.m. This meeting was made available to the public via Zoom. Park and Recreation Commission Chairman Brette Fitton welcomed everyone to the Park and Recreation Commission public access meeting. The Park and Recreation members announced themselves.

2. Attendance

Attending Members:  
Brette Fitton  
Dan Needleman  
John Bean  
Carolyn Field

Absent Members:  
Anthony Mosa

Staff:  
Mary Ellen Barnes, Director Park and Rec Department

Zoom called was set up but no participation

Brette Fitton stated that the purpose of the special meeting was to request the Board of Selectmen to determine the mitigation, relocation, or removal of the Tennis Court Rebounder and the issue be placed on the Board of Selectman’s regularly scheduled meeting’s agenda.

Chairman Fitton also asked Mary Ellen Barnes that status of the scout project application for the young man who built the rebounder for his Eagle Scout Badge. Ms. Barnes stated that the final paperwork has not been submitted. The young man lost his father during the project which delayed the final application notarization paperwork to be submitted to the Park and Recreation...
Department. Ms. Barnes did say that the young man has a sponsor who is helping him get all the paperwork together and anticipates meeting with them soon to finalize.

**MOTION** made by D Needleman to request the Board of Selectman add the Tennis Rebounder status to the agenda of the Board of Selectman’s next regularly scheduled meeting.

**SECONDED:** C Field; **Voting In Favor:** B Fitton, C Field, J Bean, D Needleman; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0. **No Discussion.**

4. **Public Comment** – There was a member of the public present, Patrick Callahan asked the Commission members to define mitigation. Chairman Fitton explained that to Mr. Callahan that public comments were welcome, but the Commission would not be answering any questions and that the issue has been referred to the Board of Selectman

12. **Adjournment**

**MOTION** made by J Bean to adjourn at 5:45 pm **SECONDED:** C Field; **Voting In Favor:** B Fitton, D Needleman, C Field, J Bean; **Opposed:** None; **Abstaining:** None; **Approved:** 4/0/0. **No Discussion.**

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen Barnes
Director, Park and Recreation