

**TOWN OF STRATFORD
BOOTHE MEMORIAL PARK COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

The Boothe Memorial Park Commission of the Town of Stratford conducted a Special Meeting on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2016** at 7:00 p.m. in the Employee Lounge on the lower level of Stratford Town Hall, 2725 Main Street, Stratford CT, pursuant to notice duly given and posted.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

Presiding: Chairperson Stephanie Philips

Members in Attendance: D. Caserta, P. Mollica, P. DeVitto-Alternate, F. Kecko-Alternate,

Members Absent: B. Burton, R. Neri, R. Brown, A. Scala, E. Severn-Alternate, A. Hosa-Alternate

Council Members in Attendance: J. Vincent Chase, Tina Manus

Others in Attendance: R. Betts (ARC)

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of the 7/28/16 Special Meeting were approved and accepted on a Motion by Councilman Chase, seconded by P. DeVitto, and passed unanimously.
2. **Financial Report:** Chairman Philips distributed a Budget Report focusing on the 2016 Pumpkin Festival, comparing expenses from 2015 to proposed expenses for 2016. After review and discussion, a **Motion was made by D. Caserta to accept the proposed Budget Report as presented, seconded by R. Betts and passed unanimously.**
3. **Pending/Continuing Business:**
 - a. **Pumpkin Festival 2016:** Chairman Philips reviewed further details of advertising, rides, shows, food, supplies, transportation.
4. **Volunteers' Reports:**
 - a. **Boothe Memorial Railway Society:** P. DeVitto reported that the building will be open during the Pumpkin Festival and there will be an abbreviated version of the new outdoor Garden Railroad.
 - b. **Astronomical Society:** No report at this time.
 - c. **Rose Garden:** F. Kecko reported that the emergency lighting system is working satisfactorily.
 - d. **Amateur Radio Club:** R. Betts reported that the tree-trimming has been completed around the building and thanked Councilman Chase for his assistance with same. Also, the Club has been planning to update their communications system to digital format, and will need connection to the internet. Discussion followed regarding proposal to install cable, but may need a land line for that. This matter will be looked into since they will need Town approval.

- e. **Friends of Boothe Park:** No report at this time.
 - f. **Student Volunteers:** No report at this time.
5. **New Business:**
- a. Chairman Philips reported that there has been a request to consider plan to make a Dog Park on the property. This will be an agenda item for the 10/19/16 meeting.
 - b. P. DeVitto was approached by a friend who belongs to AA. They are losing their meeting location at the Knights of Columbus Hall and wanted to know if there is any space available on Sunday mornings. Their budget is currently \$125/month. Brief discussion followed and will be addressed at next meeting.
6. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to present or discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. on a motion by P. DeVitto, seconded by Council Member Manus and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Gallo, Recording Secretary