

TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS
CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MINUTES OF APRIL 16, 2015 MEETING

A regular meeting of the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire was held on April 16, 2015 at the City Hall 4th Floor Law Library. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

Present were Trustees Phyllis Z. Eldridge, Dana S. Levenson and Thomas R. Watson. Also present were Robert Sullivan, Michael Warhurst, David Allen and Joey Giordano.

The minutes of the March 26, 2015 meeting were reviewed and, upon motion duly made and seconded, approved.

Payroll and operating expense checks were reviewed and signed.

Mr. Sullivan advised the Trustees that the Mayor and City Council are in the process of scheduling another meeting of the Mayor's PPAF Working Group for May, the purpose of which is to address issues associated with the longer term operating agreement. He advised the Trustees that their input on this agreement is important and is welcome. Thereafter, a long discussion ensued among the Trustees, Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Allen concerning a number of issues relating to such an agreement.

Mr. Sullivan presented the proposed final form of the Trust Agreement for the Levenson Family Library Trust. After review and discussion, the form was unanimously approved and executed by the Trustees.

Mr. Warhurst then provided his Park Report. He reported that the date by which the replacement docks will have reached substantial enough completion to open them for users is now set for April 20, 2015. He stated that there is a punch list of minor items which will be completed by the contractors over the next couple of weeks. Mr. Warhurst also reported that the water has now been turned on to all the bathrooms in the park.

Mr. Warhurst also reported that he has further details concerning the volunteer work to be performed by local arborists in Prescott Park as part of their Arbor Day celebration on April 24, 2015. He stated that there will be thirty workers in attendance from five tree companies in the area. He noted that the work, consisting of tree trimming and stabilizing trees, will be performed at no cost to Prescott Park but that the arborists have requested that the Park cover the cost of minor refreshments for the workers and reimburse the companies for the cost of cabling used to stabilize the trees. After discussion, the Trustees unanimously voted to approve an expenditure of \$300.00 to cover the cost of refreshments for the workers and to cover the additional cost of cabling used at the park.

Mr. Giordano appeared on behalf of Prescott Park Arts Festival. He reported that PPAF has received a request from the Greater Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce to host the Air Force Band on PPAF's stage on Sunday, June 7, 2015. He reported that the music will be non-amplified and the event will be open to the public, without charge or even requests for voluntary contributions. PPAF intends to promote the event as a neighborhood appreciation concert. Mr. Giordano also reported that PPAF has secured approval from the Pease Development Authority

to utilize the state pier adjacent to Pierce Island to host the chowder festival on Saturday, June 6, 2015 to minimize the impact on the park of having two major events during that weekend. Consistent with the PPAF-Trustee Operating Agreement, Mr. Giordano asked for the approval of the Trustees for this event. After discussion, the Trustees unanimously approved the request.

Mr. Giordano also advised the Trustees that PPAF has received an offer from a local solar energy firm to install solar panels on the roof of the "green room" trailer and inquired of the Trustees if they would approve the installation of a sign advising the public of the use of solar energy to heat the green room and the contribution made from the solar company. The Trustees advised Mr. Giordano of the longstanding park policy prohibiting advertising or promotional signs within the Park and declined PPAF's request for such signage associated with the solar panels.

Mr. Giordano also advised the Trustees that PPAF is currently in discussions with another company to place one or more phone charging stations in the Park during performances and inquired if the Trustees would approve signage on the stations advising users that the charging station was powered by solar energy. The Trustees indicated their willingness to consider such signage provided that the signage does not include the name or other information relating to the provider and was strictly educational in nature. The Trustees requested that PPAF obtain further information and a mock-up of the proposed signage and provide the same to the Trustees at a future meeting.

The chair reported that the next meeting will take place on April 30, 2015.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.



Thomas R. Watson, Secretary