



COMMISSION ON THE USE OF PUBLICLY OWNED PROPERTIES (CUPOP)

Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 26, 2022 at 5:30 pm via Webex

YouTube Meeting Video: <https://youtu.be/NFEjBFpx-k>

Present:

CUPOP Members: Nicole Donzello-Chair, Patti McKeon-Secretary, Leslie Lyons,
Alison Valsamis, Javier Aviles

Guest: Human Services Director Jeanette Glicksman

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm
2. Chair Donzello welcomed Javier Aviles as a new CUPOP member.
3. **August Minutes:** Leslie Lyson motioned to approve the minutes;
AlisonValsamis seconded. Motion passed.
Vote: Yes - Nicole Donzello, Leslie Lyons, Alison Valsamis
Abstain - Patti McKeon, Javier Aviles

It was noted that review of June minutes will be a part of the October meeting.

4. **CUPOP Projects** (Nicole Donzello)

ADA Accessibility Review of Town Properties (playgrounds and ballfields):

A walk-through of Town playgrounds and ballfields by Human Services Director Jeanette Glicksman and Chair Donzello took place. Jeanette gave a report of their findings and needed ADA improvements. Jeanette reviewed her recommendations and budget for improvement based on recreational location as set forth in her memorandum to Finance Director Anthony Genovese that included an improvement budget.

Motion: Javier Aviles motioned to endorse the proposal as presented by
Human Services Director Jeanette.

Alison Valsamis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Yes - Nicole Donzello, Leslie Lyons, Alison Valsamis, Patti McKeon,
Javier Aviles

Littering Awareness: Rid Litter Day updates are expected for the next meeting. It is hoped that Kathy Barkin can join the October meeting. Alison Valsamis noted that she would like to have the Beecher GreenTeam involved.

List of Publicly Owned Properties (update to the existing 2014 list): Possible ways to maintain and update this information was discussed. Discussion took place to move to in-person “working meetings” to begin to address this project.

Motion: Alison Valsamis motioned to approve in-person meetings for projects that require in-person working sessions. Patti McKeon seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Yes - Nicole Donzello, Leslie Lyons, Alison Valsamis, Patti McKeon, Javier Aviles

Motion: Patti McKeon motioned to change the CUPOP meeting time to 6 pm for future in-person and Webex meetings. Javier Aviles seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Vote: Yes - Nicole Donzello, Leslie Lyons, Alison Valsamis, Patti McKeon, Javier Aviles

Invasives: It was noted that initial discussion took place with Trail Master Andy Danzig, and identifying next steps will need to take place.

Housing Opportunity Study Committee: Being a part of this Committee, Chair Donzello mentioned that she was proud of the committee work, and noted Woodbridge was one of about half of CT municipalities to submit their Affordable Housing Plan to the State before the mandated deadline July 1, 2022.

5. **Dog Park Update:** Leslie Lyons reported that the water accessibility for dogs has been a huge success at the dog park. October 10 the dog park will be closed for soil treatment. Additionally, trees will be planted and aesthetic changes to the large dog park will take place.
6. **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee Update:** It was noted the Woodbridge Like Me Day will take place Sunday, October 9 between 11 am – 2 pm.
7. **Next Meetings:** October 24, 2022 In-person at the Town Hall Central Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted: *Toni Belenski*