

Greeley Park Advisory Committee

MINUTES – Approved

Mines Fall Conference Room

848 West Hollis Street

February 4, 2026

Attendees:

Kathy Lodi

Richard Smart

Vickie Donchess

Susan McNamee

Stephanie Ballentine

Fran Murphy

Alison Galipeau

Alderman Patricia Klee

Director Lisa Fauteux

Superintendent Bryan Conant

By Zoom:

Lisa Law

Kerry Miller

Meeting came to order at 6:00 PM

Public Comment: no public comment

Introductions and background were made around the room

Committee Business:

1. **Committee Role:** noted the number needed in attendance either by Zoom or physically present to achieve a quorum was 5, otherwise, the meeting would be informational only.
2. **Meeting Dates/Time:** consensus determined by the Greeley Park Advisory Committee that all future meetings would be held on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 5:00pm in the Mines Fall Conference Room, 848 West Hollis Street, Nashua. Reviewed rules and avoidance of informal discussions among the Greeley Park Committee members outside of any planned public meetings.

3. Election of a Chair: Vicki Donchess made the motion that Fran Murphy should be President, Kathy Lodi seconded the motion. Everyone voted in the affirmative and Fran Murphy accepted the position.
4. Minutes: Stephanie Ballentine agreed to record minutes of the meetings. It was advised that the minutes would need to be sent to Lisa Fauteux no later than 5 days after the meeting.
5. Superintendent Conant noted that \$1million had been received from the City for work in Greeley Park – allowing the Bandshell to be repaired/renovated, the Stone House to be repaired, tile roof replaced to its historical aesthetic and bathrooms to be restored/brought to ADA compliance. The work is not yet fully complete.

Greeley Park Map: an enlarged map was viewed and oriented to the attendees.

Greeley Park Legislation: noted that any proposed changes to Greeley Park would need to come before the Nashua Board of Alderman. Greeley Park is under jurisdiction of the BOA and the Board of Public Works.

Future Agenda Items: some were discussed tonight, and it was noted that additional items should be sent to Lisa Fauteux in time to get them onto the Agenda for upcoming meetings.

- a. Lisa Law - suggested an assessment of the large, dead pine trees along the West fire access road and the debris that needs to be cleared.
- b. There were some concerns voiced about potential damage to the surrounding trees during the Stone House construction. Mr Conant noted that the Weeping Beech was inspected by an arborist and is currently free of disease or insect infestation. There is ongoing monitoring planned.
- c. The Playgrounds and Wading Pool need to be assessed for need of repairs, updating.
- d. Vickie Donchess – proposed replacing the wading pool with a splash pad. There was general discussion that splash pads are popular in many city parks, may be used by a greater age range, and may also be more hygienic, since diapered toddlers use the current wading pool. Also, some dog owners allow their dogs to play in the pool.
- e. Fencing around a splash pad may be difficult.
- f. Consider ways to increase awareness and usage of other areas down – such as the boat launch and river.
- g. Bigger changes would need to seek Community input as well

- h. Richard Smart proposed discussion of updating the Manchester St side of Greeley. It is actively used by Role Players (LARPers) and some of the structures are old/remnants of past usage. Questioned if another feature should be added to this side of the Park.
- i. V. Donchess suggested that a Master Plan for the entirety of Greeley Park should be considered. This would help restore, protect the Park to its natural beauty and intended purpose. Director of BPW will look into this.

It was recommended that future meetings should all be kept to a maximum length of 1 hour and the agenda for each meeting should be posted on the Nashua.gov website.

Next Meeting will be on March 11, 2026 at 5:00 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55pm.

Submitted by Stephanie Ballentine