FRIENDS OF THE BROAD STREET PARK COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON MONDAY 12 – 3 – 18

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:06 PM.
   ALFRED YAGOVANE, MIKE HORBAL, BEVERLY KENNEDY AND MIKE MAGUT WERE PRESENT.
   SANDI CASS WAS ABSENT. THERE WAS A PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

2. MEETING MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING ON 10 – 17 -18 WERE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

3. QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS WERE RAISED ABOUT PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES, THE RETURN OF TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT WITH A WITNESS AND A LIST TO BE SIGNED OFF AND THE OPEN PURCHASE ORDER # 41601 FOR FILANOWSI FARMS IN THE AMOUNT OF $368.00.

4. THE CONSENSUS OF THIS BOARD WAS THAT ANY BALANCE LEFT IN THE FUND SHOULD BE TURN IN TO THE TOWN AND USED FOR FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PARK RATHER THAN PAYING FOR GRASS CUTTING OR TREE PRUNING.

5. CHAIRMAN ALFRED YAGOVANE STATED THAT HE WOULD RETURN TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT TO THE TOWN OF SEYMOUR PRIOR TO HIS RESIGNATION FROM THE COMMITTEE. THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE CURRENT LOCATION OF THE TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT.

6. CHAIRMAN ALFRED YAGOVANE PRESENTED HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE 12 – 7 - 18.

7. THERE WAS NO PUBLIC COMMENT.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WAS ADDED TO THE AGENDA. UNDER OTHER BUSINESS THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT BRICKS IN THE WALK HEAVING AND MOSS GROWING ON THE BRICKS. THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION TO REMOVE OUTDATED NOTICES FROM THE KIOSK AT THE PARK. AT THE SPECIAL MEETING ON 10 – 17 -18 A MOTION WAS MADE AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY TO FORWARD A LETTER TO THE SEYMOUR BOARD OF SELECTMAN AND CC TO THE PARKS BOARD TO RECOMMEND THE FRIENDS OF THE BOARD STREET PARK COMMITTEE BE DISSOLVED. REASONS CITED INCLUDED CAPITOL IMPROVEMENTS IN THE PARK ARE SUBSTANTIALLY COMPLETE. WITH THE FORMATION OF A SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNED TO MAINTAIN THE PARK THIS COMMITTEE NO LONGER SERVES A FUNCTION AS WELL AS THE RESIGNATION OF THIS COMMITTEE'S CHAIRMAN.

9. A MOTION WAS MADE AND PASSED TO ADJOURN THIS MEETING AT 6:50 PM.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

[Signature]

CHAIRMAN ALFRED YAGOVANE
TO: SEYMOUR BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
CC: SEYMOUR PARKS BOARD  

FROM: THE FRIENDS OF THE BROAD STREET PARK COMMITTEE  CHAIRMAN ALFRED YAGOVA
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,  

ALFRED YAGOVA CHAIRMAN
December 3, 2018

Dear Members of the Board of Selectmen,

It is with a heavy heart that I am submitting my letter of resignation from the Friends of the Broad Street Park Committee.

After serving as committee chairman for 34 years, I am deeply saddened to have to step down from the role, which I have cherished and so proudly served, for a variety of unfortunate reasons.

The First Selectman has made it very clear to no longer listen to the committee, and has decided to take away our ability to make decisions in the best interest of Broad Street Park. He has since established a subcommittee in an attempt to circumvent any control and decision-making that would normally fall under our committee’s responsibility.

The First Selectman also wants to remove the flowers planted at the park and permanently plant a dwarf tree, which I feel will undo all the years of hard work put in not only by myself but dozens of dedicated volunteers. The First Selectman is also consulting with others, rather than our committee, who know nothing about lighting, flowers and trees. He has made it increasingly difficult for me and the committee to get things done in a timely manner. He has made it very clear to me, in a public venue, that he personally does not care for me.

I dedicated more than three decades of my life to making sure Broad Street Park served as a beacon of hope and solemn place to remember and honor all the brave men and women of the military who served our country. Back when I started to build the park in 1984, it was nothing but a big hole. But after I returned from war in the early 1990s, after answering the call of duty, I returned and enlisted scores of dedicated volunteers who helped me complete the beautiful park we have today.

To no longer have a say in what is best for Broad Street Park truly breaks my heart. And it is because of that, I must regretfully resign.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Alfred Yagovane

Chairman, Friends of the Broad Street Park Committee
TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT RETURNED
FROM ALFRED YAGOVANE CHAIRMAN FRIENDS OF THE BROAD STREET PARK COMMITTEE

DATE: 12-5-18

1. SHOVELS
2. RAKES
3. WHEELBARROW
4. TOOL FOR BRICK REMOVAL
5. MALLET

OTHER - HOSE REEL + HOSES

NOTE: 1 MASON WATER CUT SAW WITH DIAMOND BLADE WAS STORED AND LOCATED IN A LOCKED STORAGE BUILDING AT FRENCH PARK

WITNESS

TOWN EMPLOYEE