Town of Westport Parks Advisory Committee Minutes February 27, 2017

The Parks Advisory Committee of the town of Westport met in Room 309 of Town Hall on Monday, February 27, 2017. Chairman David Floyd called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Members present: Marlon Dale, JoAnn Davidson, Kathy LoCurto, and John Lovro. Alec Stevens as liaison for the Parks & Recreation Commission was also present.

Members Absent: Nat Brogadir, Richard Jaffe, David New and Paul Rossi

- **1. Approval of Minutes** The minutes of the January 23, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved as attached hereto.
- 2. Comments Chairman Floyd opened the meeting. Marlon Dale spoke about the presence of significant trash in the "hollow area" of Winslow Park, in the heavily wooded area just north of the open meadow area of the off-leash area. The members discussed the possibility of organizing an "I Love Winslow" to facilitate clean-up and beautification of Winslow.
- **3. 38/40 Compo Cove** Chairman Floyd indicated that a prior scheduled meeting of the "task force" was cancelled due to lack of attendance. The rescheduled meeting is to take place in a couple of weeks. Don Bergmann, a Westport citizen, attended and offered insights as to the current state and his views as to how to move forward.
- **4. Japanese Knotweed in Winslow Park:** In response to Wendy Crowther's presentation and suggestion at our prior meeting, the Committee discussed the presence of Japanese Knotweed and the extent to which it is impacting open areas. The Committee unanimously agreed this is an issue which needs to be addressed and will work with Parks & Recreation Commission
- 5. Saugatuck Church-Owned Land Adjacent to Winslow Park: In response to Morley Boyd's presentation and suggestion at our prior meeting, the Committee discussed access to/from the Saugatuck Church property as well as possible ways to ensure citizens leash their dogs when leaving Winslow Park. The Committee suggests an opportunity to post additional signage in connection with the overall signage review currently in process. Absent building a substantial physical barrier to restrict ingress/egress, other measures would have little or no impact.

Motion was made to adjourn and passed unanimously. Chairman Floyd adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, David Floyd Chair, Parks Advisory Committee