WESTPORT CONNECTICUT PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT LONGSHORE CLUB PARK 260 SOUTH COMPO ROAD

Town of Westport Parks Advisory Committee Final Minutes September 20, 2021

The Parks Advisory Committee of the town of Westport met via electronic videoconference on Monday, September 20, 2021. Chairman David Floyd called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Members present: Nat Brogadir, Rob Feakins, John Lovro, John Connell, and David New.

Members Absent: Jennifer Weil and Rob Wolter.

- 1. Approval of Minutes The minutes of the April 26, 2021 and May 17, 2021 meetings were unanimously approved.
- 2. Comments None.
- 3. Riverside Park Design Jen Fava and Steve Edwards were in attendance. It was noted the final design proposal ("Westport Riverside Park Concept Plan" by SLR, the "Plan") for Riverside Park had been reviewed by the Committee at several prior meetings with public comments taken and Committee recommendations implemented as the Plan underwent several revisions. However, at the most recent meeting on June 28, 2021, the Committee was not able to formally recommend the Plan due to a lack of a quorum. Dr. Jay Walshon, 67 Roseville Road, indicated that while he felt the Plan was welldesigned, he voiced his opposition to the overall estimated cost of the Plan (roughly estimated at \$509K) when other parks, notably Barons South, are not being improved. The Committee voted unanimously (6-0) to approve the Plan.

Jen Fava noted the Plan has been approved by the Parks & Recreation Committee, the Board of Finance, and the Representative Town Meeting at an estimated total cost of \$509,000. Total cost would be apportioned to the Parks & Recreation Department (\$436,000) and Department of Public Works (\$73,000) for roadside infrastructure improvements.

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

> Respectfully submitted, David Floyd Chair, Parks Advisory Committee