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Schenck's Island Merwin Meadows Special Meeting **Minutes December 5, 2019**

Attendance – Susan DiLoreto, Eric Fanwick, Jade Hobson, Brian Nunes, John Priest, Kim Purcell, Mike Doherty (Milone and MacBroom), Suzanne Schore (Milone and MacBroom).

Absent Excused – Farah Masani, Steve Pierce (Parks and Recreation Director); Absent Unexcused – Peter Gaboriault

Others in Attendance – Mike Conklin (Director of Environmental Affairs), Sarah Gioffre (First Selectman's Rep), Lynne Vanderslice (First Selectwoman)

I. Call to Order.

Susan DiLoreto called the meeting called to order at 7:34 pm.

II. Milone and MacBroom to present final concept plans.

Mike Doherty and Suzanne Schore of Milone and MacBroom reviewed concept plans and features for Schenck's Island and Merwin Meadows.

For Schenck's Island, possible features include lawn area for picnicking and community events, acoustic amphitheatre, improved parking lot and park entry, nature themed free play area, meadow observation tower, river road gateway, managed meadow area and trails.

Mike Conklin also reviewed invasive species removal project at Schenck's along River Road. Brian Nunes discussed river restoration work and river access being done by Trout Unlimited.

For Merwin Meadows, possible features include bathhouse improvements, interactive water play area, playground improvements, pickleball court, and storage yard screening.

III. Discussion of concept plans and recommendation to Board of Selectmen.

Lynne Vanderslice asked committee to develop a five year plan with desired features prioritized for each park and associated funding needs.

Committee discussed possible priorities. Eric Fanwick suggested Town Staff (Mike Conklin and Steve Pierce) review concept plans and suggest priorities and funding required to the committee.

Town Staff to begin review and will notify committee when complete.

Mike Conklin thanked Milone and MacBroom for their work on the concept plans.

IV. Adjourn.

Eric Fanwick made a motion to adjourn meeting at 9:30 pm. Motion was seconded by John Priest and carried 6-0-0.