

**Rochester School Board
Building Committee Minutes
School Department Board Room**

May 4, 2017
6:00 PM

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Members Present:

Mrs. Audrey Stevens, Chair
Mr. Thomas J. Jean
Ms. Nichole Guptel
Mr. Paul Lynch

Members Absent:

Mrs. Jennifer Bryant

Also Present:

Mr. Michael Hopkins
Ms. Linda Casey
Mr. Richard Bickford
Ms. Julie Brown
Mr. Matthew Pappas
Mr. Robert Watson
Guests

The meeting was called to order at TIME p.m. with a quorum present.

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Ms. Guptel, to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2017 meeting as written. The motion carried unanimously.

Facilities Update

Mr. Richard Bickford, Facilities Director, reported that work on the walking path at the Commons is one of the collaborative efforts between the Dept. of Public Works and School Department; the DPW cleaned (swept) the school parking lots once the snow was completely melted. Continued support and communication between both departments is beneficial to the community.

As part of the Honeywell Energy Savings Project, transformer work was completed at RMS during April vacation. This summer transformer upgrades will be completed at the high school, and heat will be run at the middle school in the office area.

Mr. Bickford indicated that during April vacation the Rollinsford Facilities Director shared a new floor waxing machine they recently purchased; staff waxed the RMS Cafeteria in one-third of the time, at one-half the costs of our current process. The machine cost is about \$900 to be used for big jobs; the floor looks great.

Canoe/Kayak Launch Proposal – City Riverwalk Committee

Mr. John Storer, Director of City Services and Ms. Stacey Marchionni, Chair of the River Walk Committee addressed the Committee seeking support of the installation of a canoe/kayak launch at the bottom of the Hillsdale Street; the launch would be handicapped accessible and develop a non-invasive parking area on a City owned lot at the end of the street (see attached).

Ms. Marchionni is bringing forward a discussion presented to the Building Committee in July, 2009; seeking the support of the School Board. The Riverwalk Committee hopes to present their proposal to City Council for the River Walk when they finish up budget work; to get the Master Plan and Project Budget updated. The Committee has worked with Mr. Storer regarding the location for the launch and parking area; the property has a sloping grade which is the ideal spot for the launch.

Mr. Hopkins wants to be sure that the abutters would be made aware of the presentation to the City regarding the request for the launch installation and parking. It was confirmed that notification of the presentation would be made available to the neighborhood.

Mr. Storer assured the Committee that parking would be non-invasive; work is being coordinated by the City to ensure much needed roadwork be done. Everyone is trying to make the project as pleasant as possible without issue or disruption to the neighborhood.

Looking for support from school board to move forward to City Council to get the Master Plan updated and budget updated. Committee members were supportive of the design and possibilities with the River Walk Project.

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Ms. Guptel, to recommend the School Board endorse the River Walk Committee's proposal for installation of a Canoe/Kayak Launch and parking area on Hillsdale Street.

Discussion ensued regarding the funding for the project as well as community and student involvement to offset the costs to a very worthwhile project. Mr. Storer spoke briefly regarding the anticipated Dewey Street footbridge work being planned.

The motion on the floor carried unanimously.

Mr. Storer informed the Committee that Eversource was looking to get an easement to access power lines near the athletic fields. Public works committee wanted to be sure the School Board was aware of the request. Mr. Bickford indicated that access has been given to Eversource as needed for various work and projects.

Construction Manager Approval – Meridian

Mr. Bickford discussed the complexity of the projects at SHS and Gonic; Meridian Construction is willing to oversee both projects at their current 8% fee. Meridian can be brought in to manage the projects, within budget and completed this summer. Meridian was approved as Construction Manager for the SHS Sprinkler and Alarm Upgrade Project.

Mr. Lynch moved, second by Mr. Jean, to recommend the Finance Committee approve Meridian Construction under the current construction manager contract to oversee the replacement of rubber stair treads at Spaulding High School and window replacements at Gonic School. The motion carried unanimously.

Other – None

Public Comment- None

Adjournment

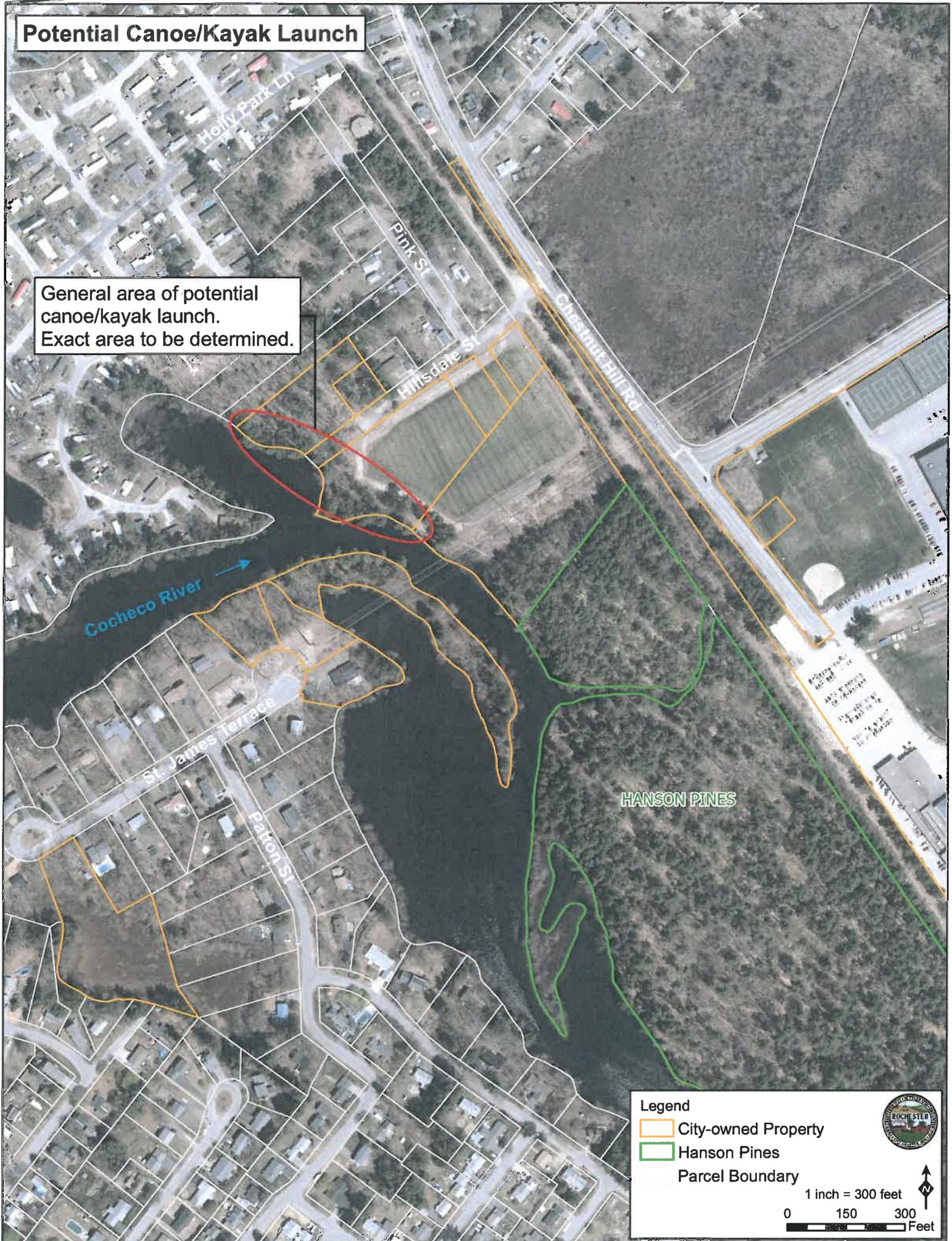
Mr. Lynch moved, second by Ms. Guptel, to adjourn the meeting at 6:35p.m. The motion to adjourn carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Audrey Stevens, Chair

Potential Canoe/Kayak Launch

General area of potential canoe/kayak launch.
Exact area to be determined.



Legend

- City-owned Property
- Hanson Pines
- Parcel Boundary

1 inch = 300 feet
0 150 300 Feet

