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**TOWN OF GIBRALTAR
PARKS AND LANDS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2014 MINUTES
GIBRALTAR TOWN CENTER
8:00 A.M.**

Call to Order: Brian Hackbarth called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Chairman Hackbarth stated that a quorum of the committee was present. Members present: Brian Hackbarth, Laurie Buske, Carol Olson and Bob Spielman
Marne Kaeske arrived at 8:05

Proper Notice/Adopt Agenda: Hackbarth verified the agenda had been properly noticed.
Motion: (Olson/Spielman) to adopt the agenda as posted. Carried.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings:

Motion: (Spielman/Kaeske) to approve December 17, 2013 Closed Session minutes as written. Carried

Motion: (Olson/Spielman) to approve January 21, 2014 Closed Session minutes as written. Carried

Motion: (Olson/Spielman) to approve the minutes of January 21, 2014 as written. Carried

Motion: (Olson/Buske) to approve the minutes of February 18, 2014 as written. Carried

Public Comment: None

Committee reports:

Gardens- Buske reported the Town gardens will be included in the Blossom tour. Jacksonport crab apple trees are available again this year for \$60. Master Gardeners will have a preorder at the end of the month for perennials. There is a discussion on lawn maintenance by Master Gardeners this evening at Crossroads at Big Creek. Kelly will follow up with Caleb regarding the obelisk.

Invasive Species- Kaeske reported that she will work with Kari Hagenow, the DC-IST coordinator, to develop a priority list of Town needs. She will also submit items for the newsletter. Rennie Lea reported that she is working on controlling Dames Rocket on her property and in the FC Park.

Lighthouse- Spielman reported the railing for the lighthouse tower has been logistically difficult. As soon as the ice and snow clear, he would like to get someone out there to inspect. It was suggested to contact Patti Podgers to see if she may have specs for the Eagle Light.

Chair – Hackbarth reported that he would like to begin working on the budget earlier this year. Next month, we would like to begin the process. Hagen also suggested we start saving for larger projects through Capital Improvement.

Town Center Flower Pots: Buske and Hagen looked into new flower pots for the Town Center. They found a larger style with an aggregate texture to match the trash receptacles. They are larger and plan to have fewer pots with larger displays. Buske measured the size and determined it wouldn't hinder traffic flow on the sidewalk. They also determined there would be less

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maintenance and wouldn't need to worry about the ground settling. Buske proposes 3 pots at this time. The committee likes the look of the new pots and design. Kelly and Beth will firm up the costs with shipping. Carol will also shop around for better pricing.

Maintenance Priority List: The Committee reviewed the maintenance priority list from the January meeting.

Adjourn: *Motion: (Spielman/Kaeske) to adjourn at 8:50 am. Carried*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly Murre
Deputy Clerk