A regular meeting of the Trustees of the Trust Funds for the City of Portsmouth, New Hampshire was held on December 29, 2016 in Conference Room A at Portsmouth City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m.

Present were Trustees Phyllis Z. Eldridge and Thomas R. Watson. Also participating by telephone was Trustee Dana S. Levenson. Also present were Judy Renaud, Judy Nerbonne, Kate Crowell and Michael Warhurst.

Payroll and operating expense checks were reviewed and signed.

The minutes of the December 8, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved.

Kate Crowell appeared before the Trustees in conjunction with a request for a disbursement of $1,600 from the Lower State Street Pocket Park Trust for certain artwork to be installed in that park. The request and supporting documentation are set out in a December 13, 2016 letter from Ms. Crowell. Ms. Crowell noted that the artwork has been approved by the Portsmouth City Council and is the subject of a written Public Art Donation Agreement. The requisition letter, Public Art Donation Agreement and the Trust Agreement were previously distributed to the Trustees and reviewed by them. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the requested distribution was approved by the Trustees.

Ms. Renaud distributed and led a discussion of the Revenue and Expense Summary for the Park for the period ending November 30, 2016. She also distributed and led a discussion of the Dock Activity Summary for the Marine Maintenance Trust Fund for the same period, noting that there was only limited activity for the month of November because the docks were closed for the season in the middle of the month.

Ms. Renaud next inquired as to whether the Trustees were prepared to approve the schedule of proposed recommendations for scholarships distributed at the last Trustee meeting. After discussion, upon motion duly made and seconded, the recommendations were unanimously approved.

Ms. Eldridge advised the Trustees of the receipt of a donation of $200 from Patrick and Judy Nerbonne and extended to Ms. Nerbonne the Trustees appreciation of the gift.

The meeting was then opened for public comments.

Ms. Nerbonne inquired of the Trustees on what further opportunities the public will have to comment upon the proposed Master Plan for Prescott Park currently being developed by the Mayor’s Blue Ribbon Committee. Mr. Watson responded stating that there is a public comment meeting with the Blue Ribbon Committee scheduled on January 11, 2017 and, presumably, there will also be an opportunity to comment to the City Council when the final plan is presented to that body. Ms. Nerbonne also asked the Trustees if they were aware of any requirements or conditions on the Master Plan imposed by the Charitable Trust Unit of the Attorney General’s
Office. Mr. Watson responded by noting his understanding that there have been meetings and other communications between the Attorney General’s Office and City Officials concerning Prescott Park but is unaware of any specific requirements or conditions imposed by the former.

Finally, Ms. Nerbonne has noted that she has observed an increase in people walking their dogs in the Park, contrary to the prohibition against animals in the Park. She asked to whom she should address her concerns about such activities.

The chair reported that the next meeting will take place on December 29, 2016.

There being no further business, upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 a.m.

Thomas R. Watson, Secretary