

Final Park and Recreation Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 21, 2016 @ 7:30 PM
Location: Volunteer Room/ Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:35pm.

November 7th Minutes Reviewed: Doug motioned to approve. Ed seconded. Vote 4-0 to accept.

Old Library Surplus Question - No one had any thoughts on how to use the library.

Ed will assume primary responsibility for secretary duties effective at 12.05.16 meeting.

Field Updates

Garden Club

Margert Murphy - Janice Rusiecki; Discussed plant sale which has been in place since the 1930's. Takes place rain or shine generally between 9am-12pm and all done by 1:00pm on the Saturday following Mother's Day each year. Members discussed garden club activities and their function around town. The annual sale is very simple. Tables and fencing and plants are sold. Money from the sale produces 95% of their income. Virtually all proceeds go back to the community.

Garden Club would like to conduct the 2017 sale on May 20th. and have exclusive use (grandfathered) of the common on the first Saturday after Mother's Day in future years. Debate ensued and suggestions regarding requests for future long term use commitments were examined. Rather than fill out a form every year, consider a long term reservation that just requires an update should anything change. Ed offered an idea to have all major user events on the Commons provide Parks & Rec an executive summary of their event and request a hold on their proposed date for the upcoming year. Wyona developed the idea further by suggesting a Community Calendar.

Bob suggested that we give it a 5 year try for the local/traditional events.

Jim - If you made a policy that recurring events have that date, the organizations having these events just be required check in every year.

Wyona - Let's approve 2017 and then put together a larger plan for the recurring events.

Ed - Motioned that the Garden Association is approved for the use of the common land for their Garden Sale in 2017. Vote: 4-0.

Signs on the common - There have been many signs, but only a few have been approved. What shall we do about the signs? Jim - Set a parameter for the signs. For town events, signs can go up 2 weeks ahead of the event and must be a certain size.

Ed - Checked the website. The rules for displaying a sign are clearly stated on the Parks and Rec. website.

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Doug - If all signs follow the rules, what happens when we still have too many signs? Can we add something to the rules that limits the amount of signs?

Wyona – we should revise and make any switches to the current rules. Ed and Doug will prepare some suggested revisions and improvements at a future meeting.

Bike Rack Request - Are we interested in working with the Montachusets (Liz Allard)..... to purchase bike racks? Doug suggested that the little common land and Allie mentioned that the beach could use a new rack.

Trail Jim Lee - Pinards gave a \$3500.00 estimate to repair the damaged trail. Jim talked to the snow mobile group and they would be able to put a crew together if we can provide the materials. The price for materials is \$12.00 per yard of graded base.

Wyona - Will the snowmobile group also do the repairs?

Jim said yes, they would know how to make the repairs.

Doug said let's go ahead with this fix. Doug motioned to allow the snowmobile group to do the fix. Steve seconded. Vote Approved 5-0. Doug will contact the snowmobile group.

Beach Updates

Allie - Contacted Holly for the price of their boat and that cost was \$8,000. She is looking for a fishing boat with a center console. She is also contacting suppliers for prices on boats with smaller engines.

Allie - spoke with 4 contractors that fix boats. The rough quote was \$500-\$800 per boat to fiberglass the boats. All 4 contractors will come in over the next few weeks to check the boats and give accurate estimates. One will come in to pick up the boats and the others would let us know about transportation. There are 4 boats \$2,000 to \$3,200.00. Allie suggested that we purchase one new boat and fix the 3 remaining. The price for a new hull is \$4,000.

Wyona - get all 4 repaired. Then based on where we are after July 1 with money, we will decide whether or not it is possible to purchase the new boat.

Allie will get us 3 quotes on the John boat.

Wyona - How much are we spending on training and how much on volunteers? Please provide a formula that is easy to understand. For example, how many hours per person per season are given for training? Allie will email this information to Steve.

Bob, what do we do with the boats that have been impounded? Has Jack Armstrong been told to go online and pay? Bob will tell him directly.

Budget Updates

Discussed questions on FY budget submission.

New Business

Doug - Ski Club signups are going slowly.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:05 pm?