

Parks and Recreation
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2021

Call to Order: 7:30pm

Members Present: Bob O'Shea, Keith Bilafer, Marisa Steele, Mark Morin, Michelle Lauria

Audience: Abby Besse, Linda Dwight, SusanMary Redinger, Dan Daly, Amanda LaRiviere, Paul Green

Motion to approve 9/7/2021 minutes: Bob noted that the Adjourn needed to note so motioned and seconded. With those changes made, Steele motioned with an add, Morin seconded. Motion passed 5 – 0

Discussion on 9/13/2021 public minutes: After discussion, decided that Keith needed to do more edits, so no vote was taken. Needed to add to the minutes that we discussed the Open Meeting Complaint and that when we entered into executive session, that "The Chair so declared."

Discussion on 9/13/2021 execution session minutes: Bob will send Keith a note on the typo.

Communications: (03:20)

- Sub-committee Chair(s) – Dan Daly – Presentation on Athletic Field Complex – This will be a CPIC application. Discussed the 5 year process of acquiring land somewhere and determining the scope of the complex and its amenities. The request from OSC is to have Parks & Rec add our name as a co-requestor to the proposal. And this will also be presented to the School Committee for their vote as well. Current thought of the total estimation of the project is 4.5 million dollars.

Bilafer motioned to have Parks & Rec be a co-requestor on this application. Morin seconded. Motion passed 5 – 0.

- Liaison Communication
 - Abby Besse (School Committee – An additional school janitor has been approved by the School Committee. Discussed the need to determine the landscaping responsibilities of this person. Reminded Abby that at ATM meeting that the schools are to maintain the tennis courts. But, at the last Parks & Rec meeting there was a discussion on an MOU to figure out who takes care of the Tennis Courts.

- General Public (27:24) – No Comments

Climate Change Resolution for STM - Paul Green – Presented the Climate warrant article. The article puts the Select Board in charge of a vague planning process to be determined later. While Parks & Rec is supportive of the State's goal in reducing Carbon emissions, we were uncomfortable with giving power to the Select Board with an undefined process with no checks and balances. Paul urged the Board to think of it as more than just Carbon emissions.

Lauria motioned to support the Town of Harvard, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Goals and any subsequently adopted goals to mitigate the impacts of climate change. Bilafer seconded. Motion failed 5 – 0.

Fall CPC Applications:

- We had agreed to submit moorings, raft, and Marissa's Harvard Park. Are there any others. These are due Oct 21.
- Marissa - Did prelim a couple of weeks ago. In meetings. Plan to get a more formalized one for the meeting on the 3rd. I will get this to you before this one. I will get this out this week and you can look, and we can vote next meeting.
- Bob - I have 2 for beach. Maybe we should hold on to them. One is for 30k to come up with mooring system and winter ice flow and find anchors when we need to. The other is for finishing the docks. Getting some more sections of dock and how to deal with anchoring and that is 25k. I will send them off to you.

Update on Unforeseen Expenses:

- Bob: We have 10 days to respond to whether we are going to get our money back from paying 3 Seasons and Chestnut. I got an immediate response that we can do an interdepartmental transfer on June 30, 2022. The problem is that we need 10k for the spring. We wouldn't be able to do the work. Recommendation was to put in for a transfer of reserve and I did that. Keith and I attended an operations meeting last Monday. Unforeseen was DPW Director saying that even with 3 workers, they will not be able to accomplish everything that they are being asked to do. We brainstormed and weed whacking is not something that the CLD drivers want to do and so we could outsource that too. We submitted both of those requests as unforeseen expenses. It is not a criteria to deny. They like to see the budget spent before they give you money. I described the money timing issue. We will see how that goes. They have a meeting not next week but the week after. We have to talk about cash flow.

Program Updates

- Beach Operations – Nothing
- Fields - No evidence DOW has done anything with Upper Depot. No sign of aeration or seeding. Keith to send email to Tim Kilhart, Tim Bragan, Kara Minar

and Stu Sklar asking that the aeration and seeding take place this week without delay.

- Track, Commons, Other - Marissa talked to Tim Bragan about the safety issues on the playground. He was defensive and the bottom line is that the caution tape was taken down within 3 days. Maybe you need to put up a solid structure to prevent people from sliding. He is going to have the insurance co come out and I asked to be there. DPW has done nothing. That is where that stands. Risk Assessment. Next Thursday is the crack sealant on the track unless rain delay. JC Ferguson is supposed to be taking down some of the trees in the woods but that keeps being pushed back.

Event Requests and New Business

- Tomorrow is all boards meeting. We had talked about this with our three things that we wanted to bring forward. They were in the meeting of the 7th. I have added them as new items on the goals sheet that we did last year. Tim Bragan said that they only wanted 3 so he took the first three off. 1. Rectangular field 2. Maintenance 3. We wanted to introduce Kevin and that did not make the cut instead the beach running in the black made the cut.

Adjourn – Bilafer motioned, Morin seconded – Motion passed 5 – 0.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 4, 2021