

Parks and Recreation
April 10, 2017
Meeting Location: Volunteer Room/Town Hall

Call to order 850

Present - Wyona Lynch McWhite, Frank Culmone, Doug Thornton, Steve Victorson, Joe Reynolds.

Harbor Master - Bob O'Shea

Thank you to harbor master for running the raffle

Welcome to the new member Joe Reynolds.

Discussed allowing a Devens resident to be part of the boat lottery. Joe asked whether or not they were in Harvard portion of Devens? The answer was yes. The Devens resident was allowed to enter the lottery.

Bob - Suggested that because we are over subscribed that we offer people the ability to double up on the Kayak racks.

Next year we will change the rules and have an option to have a lower fee if you double up.

Joe suggested that we check at the end of every month to see if the racks are being used.

Wyona - If you paid for the rack, it is yours to use whenever you decide to bring your boat down to the rack.

Bob - Do we agree to allow the double up? He suggests a 5.00 discount.

Wyona made the motion to allow anyone to volunteer allowing a second kayak for a 5.00 discount, per person. Frank seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

Michelle Girard - Tree For All, conservation trust. Can we have a spot on the green across from the store? May 7th.

Doug Motioned to approve the tree for all. Steve seconded. The motion passed 5-0. Can use the common just across from the store on the North side.

Field Updates

Discussed town resident that wanted to donate sculpture of a dog in honor of their son. The new location is on the small rectangle just across from the General Store.

Doug, we need to confirm with Conservation that in fact we do own that land. Also, what is the status of the tree.

Wyona - Ask them to come back with a proposal of exactly where they want the sculpture and we would discuss.

Doug, Pam requested two new tennis nets. Pam also said that the track team coach would like to fix the cracks in the concrete on various spots on the track. We just need to supply the materials. Wyona - Is there any risk? Doug suggested that we could go to DPW and get the new director's take on whether or not he can fix the concrete. The previous director had said it needed to be fixed.

Doug will work with the coach and DPW to get it done.

The fields need to be lined by this weekend and DPW is busy. Doug asked if we can hire someone to come in and paint the lines? There are 500 kids expecting to be on the fields this weekend.

Wyona - If DPW cannot do the lines go ahead and hire someone to do the lines if DPW is busy. Send a note to DPW and include the town manager and ask if we can charge this back to the town.

Discussed the sale of beach stickers at town hall.

Wyona reminded everyone that last year the town sold just boat stickers as, until the season starts no one is on the beach. Wyona assumed that because this went well last year that we would do it again this year. It is better and cheaper and more efficient to ask the town to disperse these stickers. The town can also accept cash. The previous finance director did not allow us to accept cash at the beach which made it necessary for town hall to also sell stickers.

Citizen Ed Frackiewicz. it is his experience that these sorts of things are all done at town hall.

Budget

Discussed Reserved Receipt account. Going to be a challenge. Needs BOS approval and town meeting approval. We need to have a budgetary plan in place once the money goes into that account.

Discussed revolving fund and the challenges of accurately assessing money, what is available, when, etc.

Doug suggested that we go to other town committees who applied for this type of account last year and find out what they did to create the reserved receipt account.

Wyona suggested to Frank that he talk to Liz Allard and ask what she filled out for this account.

Anne Boudrou from the Thoreau Club cashed a check for services as the Thoreau Club was not a vendor.

Budget updates

3699.00 left for the beach director
8322.00 available for beach expense
15,236.00 available for commons
-15k for revolving fund

Frank asked what kind of authority does Dave have over our money? If we vote and approve an expense can he tell us no. Wyona - no

Reviewed March 27th minutes.

Doug motioned to approve the March 27th minutes. Approved 4-0.

New Business

Bob O'Shea got prices Vertical Hazard Marker Buoys - counted between 5-6 rocks that need to be marked.

Steve asked how these buoys would be placed.

Doug motioned that we get 5-6 marker buoys at a price between 300 and 700. Steve seconded. The motion passed 5-0

Beach permit runs out on May 6th. Wyona will sign.

Meeting adjourned and we went into executive session to discuss beach staffing.