

## Harvard Parks & Recreation

### Minutes of 11/7/22

Attending; Mark Morin, Bob O'Shea, Marisa Steele, Vikram Sampige

Meeting start 7:38 pm

Preamble and sound check

Morin motion to accept minutes of 10/24, Steele 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved 3 – 0

**Public comment** – none

**Rec. Director status** - TA met with council, 2 options brought up

1. Hire director now for beach only then add fields to position in July
2. Go to special TM in late January to redo warrant with new wording

Not enough time to interview and hire if waiting for late January session to get beach underway for spring. Position may be rushed to find director.

TA to talk with personnel board to rewrite job description. Waiting for guidance from TA.

### **P&R Property Studies**

- SB came up with process to secure some reserve from finance committee to pay for wetland delineation and to do some design work on P&R land.
- P&R still must approve any money spent from SB on P&R land for any study done.

Steele motioned to allow SB to pay for wetland delineation studies on P&R properties @ or near Harvard Park, Morin 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved 3 – 0

### **Beach**

- Painting in staff area of beach house by Sam Levine
- Dock mooring project complete, docks are in winter position on pond, moorings to be completed in winter through the ice.
- Additional invoice received for new dock couplers.

Steele motioned to pay \$1355 for EZ Dock bill from revolving account, Morin 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved 3 – 0.

- November 13<sup>th</sup> all boats to be removed from beach and racks

### **Budget FY24**

- O'Shea would like to zero out beach director position
- Would like to raise budget for beach expenses by 2.5%

## **Fields**

- No core aeration due to not being able to flag sprinkler heads, DPW refused to help, postponed till spring.
- Steele getting signatures from 3 Seasons for work done on fields.
- 3 Seasons to use seed from DPW for upper depot seeding.
- Irrigation people to repair one valve box and was also able to get 4 benches by using grant money from state

## **Softball**

- Much work done on the fields
- Steele met with ConsCom for approval to use fire pond water to help with watering new seeded patch. They wanted too many detailed questions. Result will be no watering of Ann Lees.
- Steele met with Liz Allard about guidance of mowing around Ryan Land.
- Steele brought up option to buy land in Devens for sports complex.
- O'Shea to reach out to HSC for payment of field use.

## **Field MOU**

- Steele making progress, also getting more details about structures on fields.

## **FY24 Budget**

- Some money kept for porta-potty and scheduling software
- Money should be available in budget for use by new director for general expenses.

## **Tracks/Trails**

- Levine met with ADA groups; no report given
- Ski program after school is up and running and people are signing up.
- Katie Myer agreed to help Maureen Babcock with ski program.
- Ski starts Wednesday nights for six weeks beginning January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Busses are already secured for ski program.
- Snowshoe rental to stay at Carlson's.

Next meeting November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Morin motioned to adjourn, Steele 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved 3 – 0

Meeting end 9 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark Morin, commissioner