

Harvard Parks & Rec.

Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2023

Attending; Mark Morin, Bob O'Shea, Marisa Steele, Matt Benway, Sam Levine, John Ryan

Preamble & sound check

Steele motioned to accept the minutes of 11/21/22, Benway 2nd, Approved 5 – 0

Steele motioned to accept the minutes of 12/19/22, Benway 2nd, Approved 4 – 0

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

REC. DIRECTOR STATUS

- Town received 15 applications; HR person narrowed it down to 3 candidates
- Hiring committee of P&R, Steele and O'Shea are allowed to talk to each candidate for 1 hour only.
- Unusual to have applications looked over by 1 town official. Previous hires had more personnel attending the hiring process.
- HR suggested that the new director could work from an office in the basement of the old library.
- P&R unanimously voted, no, to that situation
- TA also suggested that the new position could help pay for utilities at the old library.
- Morin commented that this position needs to be treated with a bit more respect.
- O'Shea talked about possible other areas for office space that would be better suited for the director

FY24 BUDGET

- O'Shea discussed how we moved office supplies and MRPA membership from Omnibus budget to Rec. director budget. Also adding to mulch and landscape budget, due to DPW not supplying material and labor anymore.
- O'Shea showed how revolving expenses vs. revenue are close to breakeven each year.
- Must keep extra in revolving to carry into the next year so we don't go negative in the account.
- O'Shea explained low profile dock option for use by BHRA.
- Also discussed answers to questions presented by various groups within the town.

Levine motioned to submit answers to questions with attachments, Benway 2nd, Approved 5 – 0

FIELDS

- Steele commented that dormant seeding is done, portable fence is removed and DPW mowed the area around the field.
- Steele mt with Dwight and got things sorted out regarding MOU.
- Also going to talk to Bragan about DPW responsibilities to make sure everyone is clear.

TRACK/TRAILS/SKI

- Levine reserved 3 buses for after school ski program, only 2 were needed. Some parents want to drive their kids to the mountain.
- Kids are enjoying the trip to the mountain

NEW BUSINESS

- Steele talked with Dwight and there was an offer to use indoor elementary school basketball courts for pickleball, possibly from March on during inclement weather
- Benway noted that Acton youth softball may want to rent a field in Harvard during the summer. O'Shea noted that to rent you must be an approved renter.
- Bernway to revisit this again at a future meeting.
- O'Shea noted that HSC has not paid for field usage for last fall.

Steele motioned to adjourn, Morin 2nd, approved 5 – 0

Next meeting 1/23/23

Respectfully submitted by,

Mark Morin
Commissioner