

Parks and Recreation
January 7, 2020

740 PM Call to order

Present: Doug Thornton, Michelle Lauria. Steve Victorson

Absent: Joe Reynolds

Harbor Master: Bob O'Shea

Noted that Ed Fraqwiz passed away over Christmas.

War memorial committee - John Lee

Restoration project on WWII, Korean and Vietnam War monument.

Original Memorial for WWII - sited by name on a bulletin board type of design, but it rotted and no longer exists. Want to re-create something similar to the bulletin board, including names. New markers would be made out of stone. Granite with brass plaque. Potential for preservation grant from the state. The grant is due next week. Asking for 15k and looking for matching grants. Est. total cost 32k.

What coordination needs to take place with the Parks and Recreation committee?

Steve asked whether or not there would be a bench. Two existing wooden benches a granite bench would take up too much space.

Steve asked about current wars. Bob asked how many more names that would ad.

To qualify for these past monuments the criteria was that all individuals had to live in town at the time they went to war.

Discussed criteria for current conflicts and how to recognize those individuals. There will be room on one of the stones to add more names.

Parks and Rec. suggested that they consider current wars.

What does the WMRC need from Parks and Rec. to extend the size of the site?

Only board permission to use part of the land is necessary.

Would parks and rec. consider a letter of support to be added to the grant request?

Michelle motioned to allow chair to represent all parks and rec. members with his signature on a letter endorsing the WMRC restoration project. Seconded Michelle's motion. Passed 3-0.

Will work around current town projects. To be completed next fiscal year.

Program Updates

Fields and Common

Spring planning

Beach operations

Summer planning - Tim B. Now wants us to appoint the beach director. Doug and Steve will followup with Tim.

Steve will contact Allie regarding her next Summer plans.

Canoes - (Bob) - Two people complained that the canoes were removed. We do not have a system for fines. Nothing about boat storage is in the bylaws. The new software will have the fine mechanism built into the system.

Bob and Michelle would like to meet with the beach director.

Budget updates

Budget overview

Bob reviewed Civic Rec.