

Parks and Recreation
Town Hall
November 18, 2019

Call to order 737PM

Board Members Present: Doug Thornton, Michelle Lauria, Joe Reynolds, Steve Victorson

Complete Streets Overview

The board discussed their thoughts and opinions. Also, what about bike safety? What is the state jurisdiction of that piece of land with respect to no name road? The board questioned the process as to not including the parks and recreation board during the entire process. The board is uncomfortable with the entire process. Joe would like us to take a position on the entire process, not whether or not we are for or against the process. The board would like more information on the entire process.

Public comments

Scott Hayward commented on parking lot spaces, bike safety, delivery truck questions and the overall process. The design process should be more inclusive. Parking bylaw 19-24-19, do they need a variance? The lane will be narrower on Still River road in one direction. Bob O'Shea commented on the exit from the general store is the most dangerous exit. Bob does not feel that this will overall increase safety. Scott suggested that we go on record stating how we feel about the project.

Carley Phillips suggested that we finish the sidewalk around the common. The cement sidewalk would change the look of the town. Should the historical commission be brought in to make decisions?

Ken Hoggins - Field and commons update. Joe gave a DPW meeting update. DPW will make maintenance a regular program and part of their process. Will do the lyme and fertilizer. Lyme will be done this Fall. Will look to pull one field off line and work with the school to rent a field at Devens. Upper Depot would probably be the first field. Ken wanted to know about drainage at McCurdy track. Tim K. putting together an expense plan that would include snaking the drain pipes.

Action items

2007 Wording on the easement vote
Mark Lanza to come and speak to the board

Program Updates

Fields and commons

Nominate Open Space Representative - Steve motioned that Joe become the official representative for this position and Michelle will be the backup. Michelle seconded. Passed 4-0.

Vote on endorsement of DPW CPIC request for field maintenance tractor

Subcommittee update/field maintenance - On the field usage plan, Bob O'Shea suggested to Joe that the calendar and the website are in place and to also put the new calendar in the paper and on next-door Harvard to get people up to

speed with the new system. Joe updated the board on the latest board progress. Discussed various field usage times. Doug would like a single packet with all final documents. Joe discussed his plan for the meeting tomorrow. Will present findings tomorrow to the select board. Bob questioned why make any presentation to the Select Board given that they do not control the land. Field Maintenance - Motion to approve 824.00 to replace the electric box at Charlie Waite, a 200.00 increase from the previous voted amount. Steve seconded. Passed 4-0. Tim wanted an endorsement from the board for the purchase of a field maintenance tractor. Michelle motioned that we endorse the DPW/CPIC application for a field maintenance tractor. Joe seconded. Passed 4-0.
Other projects

Beach operations

Winter projects - Canoes and Kayaks off the racks. Bob will send out an official harbor master email. Kiosk is locked up for the winter. Steve will go into Allie's office to get receipts for Michelle. Beach budget should not increase more than inflation. We raised the canoe and kayak fees.

Budget Updates

Trail grant money for snowmobiles must be used up. 558.65. According to Lori Ski club 10k in debt, but does not make sense. Something not correct as we had 120 people who paid 100.00 each. We can take in gift money for field work or send checks directly to the town. This was clarified by Lori. We are doing things correctly. Open edge - 20.00 per month fee for the new Civic Rec. software fee. Open edge is the credit card company. Bob and Michelle will meet with Lindsey to discuss open edge. Discussed ski club payments for school choice kids. Work on FY2020 budget request. Beach will just be an inflation request. Doug will ask for 28k plus items from the spread sheet. DPW is taking over regular maintenance. Joe noted that our money will no longer be going to maintenance.

We believe that the DPWs taking over all regular field maintenance activities is a step in the right direction and we are in favor of this process. We support their requests to the town for additional funding to make this possible.

Joe motioned that Parks and Recreation committee submit an opinion to the Select Board that as a board responsible for governing and encouraging use of public land, we do not believe the process behind the sidewalk implementation was transparent and inclusive enough to form an evidenced based conclusion. Steve seconded the motion. Passed 4-0.

Joe motioned that Parks and Recreation submit a public statement to the press that we support the upcoming cpic request for DPW equipment for field

maintenance. We support DPW's expressed desire to manage and execute the regular field maintenance required to maintain proper field conditions. This arrangement facilitates the completion of the actions items from key findings 1-3 in the AFPS interim report, endorsed by P&R. Steve seconded.

Steve Motioned to adjourn 22:09. Joe seconded.