

Parks and Recreation
Town Hall
September 19, 2016

Present: Wyona Lynch-McWhite, Doug Thornton, Frank Culmome, Ed Frackiewicz, Steve Victorson

Also Present: Harbor Master - Bob O'Shea. Beach Director - Alexandra Luck

Field Updates

Harvard Baseball and Soccer - presented fields budget and repair/upgrade needs. Parks and Recreation portion 8640.00 Doug confirmed our percentage owed. Current request is 6831.00.

Wyona questioned the field enlargement and its potential effect on other users. The 70' configuration is a step up from the 60' diamond, but the 60' diamond could still be configured. Wyona asked about the poison IVY behind home plate and along the left field line. A dozen balls are lost per game. At 50.00 per dozen. Wyona discussed the over scheduling of DPW. Who can do this work? What about the other fields?

Bob - Does any of this Fall under CPC?

Doug Motioned for the 2016/17 /fiscal year that we allocate 11,000.00k to the two baseball organizations, the school and HAA. To do field maintenance and field expansion.

Steve V. - Second

Vote: All approved 4-0.

Doug will confirm these plans with Pam, Stu and Linda.

Wyona asked that the baseball group come back with their plans/desired for next year. Also what to do with the hill side along the left field line.

Doug - Working with soccer to spend the 2k that was approved last Spring for areation and reseeding on Waite Field. Wyona said that because this money was not spent it would need to be re-voted.

Lacrosse also wants money to reseed Ann Lees

Doug motioned that we authorize 4k for the seeding of these fields for both Lacross and Soccer.

Discussed the overall use of fields and who gets fields and in what priority.

Bob - What about the parks? We are consumed with the recreation needs, what about the parks?

Common

Piece in front of the old Library

Little Common - between general store and church

Submit money for the stone wall project for CPIC. Told no from CPC and CPIC last year on this project.

Beach Updates

Wyona brought up points on training and working with Bob to come up with a boat training program.

Allie - Motor boat safety procedure document. Must be 16 and a lifeguard and the MA boating certification and spoke with Bob about other certifications and to have a system. 12-16 Boating certification courses through the state. Bob suggests that anyone who is driving a boat for the town should take this test.

Wyona asked if Bob would help by giving a talk to the beach staff.

Doug asked about training in real conditions. Who will test someone out in the water during the wind? Always have a senior person with a junior person on the boat to pass down driving skills. Bob mentioned that the rocks were hit multiple times by boats and suggested that the beach staff mark the rocks. Who has responsibility?

Wyona - Add boating experience to the boating plan. Who does it and here is how it is checked off and this is how it is done.

Wyona - Suggested that we get pro-active on getting guards hired. Offer courses and training to get kids more involved.

Bob - Not happy with the town boat situation. Does not always start. Boat does not have any safety features. Do we put in a place holder for CPC funds to purchase a new boat? We need more boats to cover sailing and what is our liability? Wyona - Said why do we allow this? Bob - Money has not been spent on the beach, over the years and we are behind. We should be able to collect enough money for new boats. Bob suggests we get a safety boat. Crew team needs to buy a mooring or place their boat farther down the beach and not tie it to the racks in the middle of the beach. Bob is offering to take over the boat stickers. He will pass out the stickers once we have told him they have paid.

Wyona - Make sure all sailboat repairs are in the budget along with radios.

Wyona - Prepare the budget and send to Steve.

Bob - Should we flush out the 7k?

Bob - There is some confusion on whether a town resident can launch for free, without a sticker. The bylaws are confusing.

Boats Off racks October 24th.

Sheep Island - must have PDF on the dashboard for their party guests.

Finance - Oct 5th at FINCOM. Doug and Wyona will go.

Get Final Budget request from Allie before the next meeting.

Charter Commission - Attend Meeting 9/22.

Issues of authority

Staffing, beach and who is doing the work

Meeting Adjourned 1037 PM.