

Parks and Recreation  
Town Hall  
September 18, 2017

Present: Doug Thornton, Wyona Lynch-McWhite, Joe Reynolds, Steve Victorson

8-21-minutes approved 3-0. Doug abstained

Amy and Barbara from HAA asked for approval of a Halloween Parade and an Easter egg Hunt  
October 28, 2017 - Halloween Parade 10 - 1230

March 24th, 2018 - Easter egg Hunt 9-2

Wyona asked about electricity needs and whether or not DPW was needed.

Amy and Barbara replied that trash barrels would be helpful.

Doug asked about external vendors. In prior years there was a food truck for the Easter egg hunt. Doug asked that Amy and Barbara come back closer to the Easter egg hunt to confirm whether or not there will be food truck.

Vote for Halloween Parade Joe motioned to approve, Steve seconded. Passed 4-0

Doug motioned to approve the Easter egg hunt on the common from 9-2. Passed 4-0. Wyona seconded.

Wyona noted that with the approvals that Amy and Barbara come back to confirm the food truck.

### **Harbor Master Report**

Citizen - Fred Silverstein: Senior Citizen

Discussed 19 foot canoe and its weight and the need to carry back and forth as they did not win a rack space. However, when the beach was closed they placed their canoe on a rack that had been open all Summer. The canoe was impounded and while he was fined 30.00, that spot is still open as it was all Summer. Complimentary of Bob's efforts to solve the problem, but Bob had no procedure available for fixing the problem.

Fred -

**Suggestion 1:** Anyone who won a spot, but did not use it all Summer should not be allowed to participate in the lottery next Summer.

**Suggestion 2 :** If you do not use the spot within 30 days, then you forfeit the spot.

**Suggestion 3:** To redistribute the spots, the wait list people should be asked to respond within 24 hours.

Wyona explained the challenges of taking back a spot on a rack that has been purchased, but not used all Summer.

Fred - Having paid for a spot does not give you the right to deprive another resident on the wait list from using the spot does not seem fair.

Wyona Read from Bob's report regarding the impounding of canoes and kayaks. Bob added a button to the website entitled unused resources. If a winner of rack space was done using their space they could

give it back allowing for someone on the waitlist.....Read Bob's report for the details and his concept for overbooking.

Fred - Committee should be committed to serving as many residents as possible.

Wyona is worried about the potential negatives of selling more stickers and the potential for a free-for-all. Also, it is extra work to police the racks for stickers and usage, this could also be asked for the beach staff.

Joe - Perhaps we should rethink our entire system.

Steve - Let's try a 30 day use it or lose it rule. Or contact the town with a reason why or when it will be used. This could be written on the website and in the lottery rules.

Wyona - Should we give preference to the over 65 crowd.

Fred took inventory 14 times and the 9 racks were empty every time.

Fred - frustrated that impounding took place at the end August and not the end of June, why not earlier even though the season goes through Columbus Day.

Wyona, we will work with the Harbor Master to come up with a solution for the unused racks. Wyona asked that Fred return when we sit down with Bob to come up with a plan.

Will wait to vote on Bob's report.

**Budget Updates** - Frank not here. Discussed the town finance meeting. Wyona asked that Dave come and talk about some of the finance issues. Tim offered to come in his place. Wyona could not get Tim on the agenda in time. Discussed the baseball vendor confusion. Doug reminded everyone that baseball did talk to other vendors and did choose the lowest priced vendor. Then the vendor came to town hall asking for the check. The vendor broke stated procedure that was made clear to the baseball group.

Park an Rec meeting for the first Monday in November is cancelled due to a town meeting, do we have any warrant needs?

Doug asked about the stone wall and funding. Wyona said that it was not funded.

### **Field Updates**

Was the Ryan land invoice problem solved? Yes, town will pay under 5000.00, This is complicated when the vendors pay the town and the town pays the total check. We need to confirm this process with Dave.

Memorial Bench - The memorial bench came before us in the Summer and we sent them to the school committee, but according to the school committee this is our land. According to Doug, the GPS software says it is school land, but Tim says that the GPS is off and it is our land.

Do we need a memorial bench policy? We are getting a lot of requests.

Joe suggests that we come up with a policy for benches. Joe questioned the look of the benches and without a policy in place we might end up with lots of different types of benches.

Wyona concerned about mowing and field maintenance. If we approve the current request, is it out of the mowers way?

Doug - Motioned to approve the placement of a memorial bench with a specific location to be confirmed overlooking the playing field.

Steve - Not sure of the locations.

The motion for the memorial bench was tabled until the locations are clarified.

Wyona - Where do we place the benches we purchased?

Doug - Tim does not want them placed without being locked in place. We could drill into the ground and lock them in place.

Steve - What if the benches need to be moved?

Doug - Let's put them down without being locked, but if Tim insists let's let DPW provide an anchor.

However, if they are anchored they need to be placed appropriately.

Picnic Tables - There was confusion as to why our new tables arrived unassembled. Need to follow up on picnic tables when it is determined who will put them together.

Wyona - Are you set with ski club? Yes. Other clubs use the mountain to coordinate the buses and we would not be involved in collecting funds. Would this prevent us from doing scholarships? Yes, that is likely. Will work with the mountain to determine what would happen. Need to confirm at the next meeting.

### **Beach Updates**

Was the invoice sent for the triathlon - Joe, yes

Draw down beginning October 1st, 6 feet. Will copy Bare Hill rowing.

Fishing Tournament Oct 14.

### **Event Request**

Apple Festival 8/7/2017 - 8 - 3pm Congregational Church

What is our policy for event signs for out of Harvard Events?

Doug, yes there have been some requests. Need to review policy.

Request for minutes

Adjourned 9:27PM