

Parks and Recreation
2nd Floor Town Hall
November 7th, 2017

Present: Wyona Lynch-McWhite, Doug Thornton, Frank Culmone, Steve Victorson,
Harbor Master: Bob O'Shea

Meeting Minutes Approval - Doug motioned to approve October 16th minutes. Steve seconded. Passed 4-0.

Field Updates

Received a check from the baseball boosters for portion of field maintenance.

Still waiting for the youth baseball check.

Christmas Tree Request - The festival will take place on December 10th. Tree warden said that the lights should be LED lights.

Wyona - Shall we let the BOS continue lighting the tree or given that the new tree is manageable, shall we take back this duty?

Wyona - Non-approved signs on the common. It was pulled by someone other than us.

Doug - We need to remember to keep an eye on the signs.

Discussed signs and sizes and rules for posting. If the rules are not followed there could end up being chaos. We need to address the height of the signs and reduce signs to 8 square feet.

Overall, no complaints from people on the common.

Memorial Bench Request - Want a site on the common or the overlook on prospect hill road.

The overlook is Fruit lands property.

Wyona responded to the citizen that we are reviewing bench policy and need to discuss with the BOS.

Doug - We are running short on places for benches and need a plan. We are going to spend the Winter months working on a policy and will have a plan in the Spring.

Doug - Motioned for a late season aeration on upper depot at a cost of 1500-2000k max Steve Seconded. Passed 4-0

Discussed ski club signups. Still plenty of space left, but signups are going as usual.

Review of Park and Rec IT services - Joe not present. Will skip this topic.

Budget Updates

Discussing budget submission for next year and we are late. Material was sent out late Sept. early October.

Steve - We should increase available money for Winter hours for the beach director.

Wyona - Fiscal 2017 the beach director pay was 13,284.00. For fiscal 18 the budget was 10,983. An actual decrease from the previous years.

Fiscal 19 - Additional Winter hours added to Fiscal 2017. 10 hours per month Sept - March for a total of 1800.00 - Adding this to the 13,284.00 for a rough total of 15k.

31,650 - Commons Request - Same as last year.

19,631.29 - Beach Expenses - 7% increase - Need to cover new mandatory boat training for this year.

Frank - The employee HR questionnaire was not completed by the beach director. Frank met with the consultant and used the town job description. The consultant will look at other towns and come back with some comparisons for the beach director position.

Beach Updates

Bob - Docks are stowed, tied up and locked. The boat and motor are put away. Notices for the rack situation were placed on Harvard Next Door and with the paper.

Reminder on Nov. 20th there will be some public feedback. Three primary points

1. Current system and squeeze out more space on the racks.
2. Build more racks to cover roughly 70 people not getting space (11 racks - not enough space)
3. Complete rental approach - buy a set of canoe and kayaks that are locked, but accessible when guards not on the beach. Might even get some donated canoe's and kayaks. Locking system would keep track of time used, etc. 22 canoes and Kayaks would probably cover the daily needs. We could also have paddle boards, a paddle boat.

Wyona - any liability?

Bob - we currently have canoes and sailboats available for rent.

Cost for residents(keep it resident friendly) - 5 dollars per hour. 10-15 dollars per day. Could set pricing based on usage.

Key system could be used for all boats and even the gate.

Steve - What about hybrid idea? Leave some racks to rent.

Bob - Would be difficult, unless racks were rented at a much higher rate.

Wyona - What about Winter storage?

Doug - Do we throw away the old racks?

November 20th is for feedback and data collection

Event Requests and New Business

We received a certified letter by a Bolton resident who was injured at McCurdy track. Letter to be forwarded to the town attorney.

Baseball Boosters will start selling Xmas trees on Friday November 24th for the succeeding 3 weeks.

Fishing Tournament request for May for 10 boats. 10 boats exceed the limit.

Next Meeting - Canoe and Kayak discussion to be the bulk of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned - 926PM.