

Parks and Recreation
November 2, 2015
Bromfield Cafeteria

Attendance: Wyona Lynch-McWhite, Steve Gordon, Doug Thornton, Steve Victorson
Also Present: Harbor Master Bob O'Shea.

Civil War Encampment Request

Andy Wright - Discussed Civil War reenactment. Voted to approve requested date.
Steve G. motioned to vote to approve. Steve V. seconded the motion.
4-0 Approved.

Wyona asked that Andy follow up in January on the possibility that there may be any unforeseen issues with the town hall renovation that would impact the encampment.

Field Maintenance Planning

Steve Mirachi, Mike Lawton, Darren Magan (Harvard Athletics) - discussed maintenance proposal and usage for all fields. Doug Thornton discussed meeting that he had with Steve M. Steve G. discussed payment methods. Boosters will write check to the town and the town, via Steve G will get a check out to the vendor. Doug asked about Spring maintenance. Wyona suggested that we wait until early 2016 before voting on Spring maintenance numbers. Andy Wright requested one more mow on Ryan Land. Andy emphasized the importance of this type of continued maintenance.
Steve G. asked that a copy of the maintenance spread sheet is sent.

Christmas Tree

Billy Salter - Questioned the robustness of the lights for hanging outside all year around.
Angela Gaffney - Other towns string and unstring the lights after New Year. Would the town consider making the lights a line item.
Steve G. - asked Billy Salter for a plan.
Billy S. - Suggest that Park and Recreation take the replacement of the lights very seriously to get the lights fixed and execute competently.
Wyona wanted to make sure that Billy knew we were taking the job seriously.
Angela - Opened a dialog on Nextdoor Harvard. Wanted others to share their views. Two issues to be solved (lights and stringing) - what are the options and what can be accomplished by Dec. What could we lay out after the new year, with a larger committee? Historically, there was a family that took care of the lights and now they are no longer doing the lights. Thus, the current situation. What can we do this year?

Wyona - Wants a better understanding as to whether or not a committee can be formed to take care of the lights.

Steve G. wants a plan. Explained why we need a plan and referenced the type of plan that the field maintenance

Angela - Did not realize that there was not a codified plan on putting up the lights each year. Will look to find a group.

Wyona - We do not want to create another buracracy.

Bill Salter - what you request.

Doug - Was hoping for a larger turnout from the Nextdoor Harvard Group.

Wyona - Explained about the fire department helping to restring the lights.

Billy - Asked about getting an electrician to re-patch the lights?

Steve G. - asked that Billy and Angela come with an organized plan.

Steve V. Explained that he spoke to the vendor who strung the lights and discussed a possible plan.

Doug - Let's work on what are the goals for this year? Could we do a fund raising effort between this meeting and the next meeting? Let's come up with a plan.

Bob - Think outside the box. If the town wants the lights, go ahead and spend the money. Why not consider lighting the other trees to be lit.

Doug - Queried the pageant people and they want the larger tree lit.

Wyona - Discussed the committee responsibilities.

Wyona - let the electrician who volunteered to check the lights.

Steve G. - Let's collaborate with anyone in the town who is interested in helping.

Angela - Will be happy to be the town/citizen la

Steve V. - let's put a list together.

1. Electrician first.
2. Contact lift company

Angela - Please feel free to call for help.

Ski Club Registration/program updates

Doug discussed that there have been a few signups. A letter will be sent out to the schools tomorrow. Doug estimates the number should be in the 30's over the next few weeks.

Beach Updates

Wyona - received a request for free beach access for seniors. To be considered later.

Bob - When Nancy ran the beach a number of years ago, she managed that very closely. Would be difficult to regulate.

Wyona - Discussed the rack building product. Brigitte went back to do a second coat on Monday. Asked that the rowing team flip the racks so that we can paint the bottom. Conservation Commission wants to do a walk through as to where the racks will be placed.

Steve V. - Wasn't this already cleared last year?

Steve G. - we did discuss this 3 years ago. Steve will work with Bob and the conservation commission.

Wyona - those who volunteered will get a rack, but they will have to pay.

Wyona - we got a request for a memorial bench for their daughter.

Steve G. Are we responsible for that land?

Wyona - they called the town and were told to contact parks and recreation.

Wyona will work with the family on getting a bench design for eventual Parks and Rec. vote.

Bob - discussed docks. Money left over to redo the other ramp.

Steve V. - Rata will remove the portable on November 8.

Wyona - racks will be placed in the woods next week.

Steve G. will make sure the area is weed whacked.

Wyona - flag pole at the track. Where is the flag key? A citizen from town called a veteran services agent from Ayer who came and cut the rope...Citizens feels they did us a favor.

Doug will followup as to how this citizen will fix the rope.

Budget Updates

Wyona - Updated the CPC meeting and the stone wall.

Steve G. - Discussed all 2017 Budget Requests.

New Business

Elizabeth resigned due to family commitments.

Meeting adjourned 9:38