

Parks and Recreation
Town Hall
October 17, 2016

741 PM meeting started

Attendance - Wyona Lynch-McWhite, Frank Culmone, Doug Thornton, Steve Victorson, Ed Frack

Ed motioned to approve the minutes with 4 changes to the minutes
October 3rd minutes approved 5-0

Wyona -

Update of meetings with other boards - Did everyone respond their comments? Currently waiting for Stu to respond with the revisions.

Finance committee meeting - Doug gave the field expense synopsis. Outlined how money could be used and that we have lots of places to spend money on the fields. Ed questioned as to whether or not this is a working document that the finance committee is reviewing? Should this be a sustainable document based on what was discussed and created 3 years ago? Doug - the original documentation was based on a monthly expenditure, but in reality the money was spent only over a few month period. Wyona explained that the town still has the original document. Doug described the original spreadsheet of the time line and the power point that he distilled down to his presentation.

We have to present capital expense to CPC committee to finish the stone wall. We were not approved the second year and this year we are asking to finish it again. Wyona and/or Doug and Ed will try to make the meeting. Wyona reviewed this request. It is for 100k.

Fields - Tennis courts, some lights are out at the courts. Doug will work with DPW to take care of the high tree work around the courts. We will work on fixing the lights.

Discussed the electric box which was partially disassembled over the weekend. Doug reiterated that the box was not locked and that it just needed to be slid open or plugged in underneath. Doug described the box has not originally well built.

Wyona - if there is a cost for repair, DPW should cover the cost.

Bob O'Shea - asked about trick or treating and reminded us that the lions club would be using the common.

Baseball, still asking about clearing the brush behind the common. Doug asked if we should talk to any other committee. Wyona spoke to Liz Allard and Liz felt it should be no problem. However, Wyona suggested that Doug confirm the plans.

Pam Alexander - Can the school set up lights on Harvard Park field for some late night soccer games? Ed discussed the importance of having a night game similar to a homecoming event. Wyona asked when? Ed then said that a game was yet to be chosen. It could be a regular season game or playoff game. Not on our agenda and we cannot vote tonight. Wyona, is there a rule for lights and is that our responsibility? Bob stated that lightening has never been part of the

permitting process. The town does not have such a process. There are rules for lights facing up, but not down. Bob mentioned that the light rule was in place because of the observatory. If lights are used they just need to be turned off by 10 PM. Ed - does one neighbor have the right to refuse the lights? Wyona, not sure if this is our vote. We discussed this and it sounds like fun. Bob suggested that we vote on hours. When the hours change we will be open to complaints. A new event request form should be given and then we can vote.

Jim Lee asked that we mow the field north of Ryan Land. It is a field that we have not used for years, but it needs mowing.

Has Summer requests for lacrosse.

Do we have a record for fish caught? Wyona mentioned that there is someone who is keeping track of fishing tournament results. Doug will find this person. A report should be given at the end of each event.

Doug ran into Steve Gordon and he is open to becoming our liaison to the war memorial committee.

Beach Budget Questions

Agreed to increase Allie's projected hours by 40 to cover the new boat safety training for 2018. Starting July 1st 2017.

Bob mentioned that there were 2 unclaimed sunfish boats found in the weeds and they may in fact be our boats.

If the remain unclaimed, they can be repaired.

Adjusted boat repair cost on the budget for 5 boats at 500 per boat.

Perhaps we should repair the 5 boats, buy the rescue boat and purchase a new Sunfish next year?

Beach director should be more involved in the budget and preparing the spread sheets for next season.

Wyona - Frank send a list of numbers and if we need to talk at an emergency budget meeting, let's schedule a meeting.

Need to talk about new committee roles for the upcoming year.

Last day to remove boats from the pond is October 24th.

Harbor Master is moving the docks after the deadline of October 24th.

Adjourned at 10.