



TOWN OF BEACON FALLS RIVERBEND PARK SUB-COMMITTEE

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

August 9, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Domenic Sorrentino called the meeting to order at **6:30 pm** in the Beacon Falls Senior Center.

Committee Members present: Domenic Sorrentino, Richard Minnick, Al Concilio, Robert Egan, Joe Rodorigo.

This meeting also consisted of a neighbors & residents open question and answer portion of the special meeting.

MINUTES:

R. Minnick moved to accept the Minutes of June 13, 2016 as presented. Seconded by A. Concilio. All in favor. Motion carries 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment listed under separate heading below.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Act on the three bids received for the project.

Award proposal for the Construction of the Expansion of Riverbend Park at Nancy Avenue.

R. Minnick moved to table awarding the bid proposal for the Expansion & Improvement to Riverbend Park at Nancy Avenue until such time a review of the necessary funding is complete. The Riverbend Park Sub-Committee requests the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance make \$19,900.00 available. This proposal does not include funding for street lights or additional plantings. Seconded by J. Rodorigo. All in favor, motion carries 5-0.

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS:

At this time Committee Member Joe Rodorigo gave a brief overview of the project to the residents in attendance, from its inception in 2009 to today.

There were general questions regarding actual ownership and responsibility of the park upon completion.

Chairman Dom Sorrentino further explained the project focusing on present day situations and the project itself.

Many residents raised ongoing blight and increased juvenile activity problems in the area of the former Harmen property. Member Rich Minnick explained that these were not issues under the Sub-Committees purview and to contact Town Hall and / or the Police Dept. re: these concerns. Mr. Minnick stated he would pass these comments along to the Town Administration.

Residents questioned whether the Town could / would properly maintain the park.

One resident inquired if the trailer and shed on the old Harmen property will be removed. This person was advised to contact the Town Building Inspector.

Residents were very interested in the actual time-line for start and finish dates of the project.

GENERAL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:

The Committee discussed the many comments and concerns of those residents in attendance.

There was continued conversation regarding the financial concerns voiced by several members.

It was decided to hold an additional **Special Meeting on August 22, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Senior Center** to sit down with members of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and the three bidders to discuss the financial situation with the Project.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

R. Egan moved to pay all bills, seconded by Al Concilio. All in favor, motion carries 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business **R. Egan moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. Seconded by A. Concilio. All in favor, motion carries 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Peter A. Christensen

Clerk