

Parks Commission Meeting

1-15-2014

Present: Rita Furlong, Ginger Conner, Tina Levasseur, Sean Reymer, and Maddy Elovirta

Chair Rita Furlong called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM at the Becket Room at the Becket Town Hall.

The minutes of the April 10th, May 8th and June 5th were voted and accepted as read.

Budget:

Remaining budget moneys were discussed: what still needs to be done and would there be enough money to cover all the projects. A special mix of soil for the baseball diamond at the ball park will be researched and purchased. There is a need for one of the light poles to be realigned at the ball park. Maddy will work with Burke Electric to get this done. More landscape work needs to be addressed at the beach. The final consensus was that the projects that were discussed would be addressed in the spring, as soon as the weather would permit. There is enough money within the budget for these projects to be done.

2015 budget needs were discussed. The North Becket Park needs attention. The fencing at the tennis courts is still to be addressed. The new basket ball pole for the Center Park will be installed in the spring. The highway dept. has worked very hard at the Center Park. The roofs on the dugouts need repair/replacing. The members will repaint the backboard at the tennis courts. More signage will be ordered for the baseball park so that citizens will stop using it for a dog kennel. More mulch will be ordered for the gardens. If there is enough money, four new picnic tables will be purchased for different areas.

Rita was approached by the Harbor Master for more rope in the water at the beach. After much discussion this was defeated.

Rita will meet with the Selectboard regarding a walkway bridge across the river between the North Becket Park and the Bidwell Park. Sean will research the bridges that are on the river walk in Hinsdale/Dalton.

Rita believes that there should be tree(s) planted to commemorate the 250 years of Becket: an American Sycamore and an American Oak will be researched and priced.

The walkway at the North Becket Park is unsitely and needs to be cleaned up to ensure the safety of the children that use the park. The exercise walkway needs to be refurbished as well. This area will be looked at in the spring.

A survey regarding the recreational needs of the families of Becket will be done via the school system. Tina will devise the survey. Also a flyer regarding the summer programs will be dispersed via the school system as well at an appropriate time. Stickers worked well at the beach. Article in newspapers will enforce the need and how to get a beach sticker.

The summer programs at the beach and the parks were very successful. There was much positive feedback from townspeople.

Rita will write the Parks Commission Town Report article and then email to members for their input.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Madelaine Elovirta