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Parks & Rec Board 2/25/14 Approved

#### Minutes

February 25, 2014 5:33 P.M. Meeting

Members Present:

James Bosworth, James Vieira, Joseph Vieira and Timothy Lancaster

Members Absent:

Lisa Tavares and Sherri Tetrault

#### Minutes

Motion made and seconded to accept the Minutes of January 28, 2014. Voted 3-0-0

### Apponagansett Request

Ms. Diane Gilbert has requested permission to hold a car show at Apponagansett Park on July 27 from 2-6 P.M. as one of the 350<sup>th</sup> events taking place during the Padanaram weekend. The board would like to have more information such as estimated number of vehicles, will there be fees involved, etc. before granting her request.

## Dog Park Update

The Dog Advisory Group has applied for a CPC to cover ten percent (\$36,699) of Phase I project cost to develop a dog park at Dartmouth Regional Park & Trails. The Director asked if a few of the board members could attend the next CPC meeting with him on March 4 to discuss the project.

## **Budget Update**

Our remaining budget is currently lower than normal for this time of year due to fire improvements to the maintenance garage and multiple breakdowns on the Chevy van. The expense accounts may run out, but shortages can be paid through extra monies in the salaries accounts if necessary.

350<sup>th</sup> Event Update

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The final budget totaling \$45,725 for the June 8<sup>th</sup> event at Apponagansett Park has been submitted to Ms. Cyndi Marland. Ten thousand dollars of that total is a direct donation to the fireworks. Sunrise Bakery is donating the ceremonial cake and baking one thousand cupcakes for \$600. All departments involved with the event are paying salaries used that day out of their regular budget. Southcoast ambulance is donating their services at no charge to the town. Food for the workers was discussed and will be researched further.

**Policies** 

Motion made and seconded to approve Sections 1-4 and 7-12 of the Park Department Standard Operating Guidelines. Sections 5 and 6 will be tabled until next meeting. Voted 3-0-0

## Round Hill Marsh

Tabled until next meeting

Director's Report

- >Mr. Cressman and Ms. Medeiros will be asked to attend the next board meeting to discuss a pay increase for the seasonal truck drivers. The board would like to see what comparable towns are paying their drivers to help in determining a fair wage and if the rate should be set or on a scale by years.
- >The data entry for the Evergreen Cemetery computer program is almost complete. This program will allow for accurate purchases and burials moving forward. There was an error on the burial deed which the software company has fixed. The Town Clerk's Office has a question with it in which Attorney Savastano's office is addressing.
- >The basketball court at Motha's Park will be removed in the spring by the department. The asphalt can be disposed of at Medeiros Sand & Gravel for no charge.
- >The Chairman and the Director attended a CIP meeting on Monday morning to discuss the department needs for FY2015 and beyond. Included was the fencing for Apponagansett Park, two trailers, tree replacement, the basketball court at Motha's Park, the gazebo/bandstand at Apponagansett Park and the restroom at Russells Mills Landing. The Director explained to the members that most of the items on the list have been there for years without being approved and are now becoming serious safety issues. The CIP will also be presented to the Select Board at a televised meeting.
- >A town resident affiliated with Sam Adams Brewery would like to donate alcohol to VIP's at the 350<sup>th</sup> Celebration on June 8 at Apponagansett Park. Under the town by-laws there is no alcohol allowed on town property. Motion made and seconded to follow town policy and not allow alcohol at the 350<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Voted 3-0-0
- >A letter from Mr. John Costa was sent to the board asking for reimbursement of \$126 for a physical required to renew his hoisting license. The insurance company denied payment since he already had a physical within one year of the second one. The physical was completed in FY2014. The board is unsure whether the bill could even be reimbursed from another fiscal

year. It would probably require a vote from town meeting. Also the request for reimbursement was made last summer along with the fee for the hoisting license. The board agreed to reimburse the license fee but denied the physical payment since the department does not pay for any staff physicals. Mr. Lancaster will inquire as to whether or not Mr. Costa's request can be reimbursed from a different fiscal year before a decision is made by the board.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 6:40 P.M. Voted 3-0-0

ATTEST:

Timothy V. Vancaster, Superintendent

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