

Department of Parks & Recreation

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> Parks & Rec Board 3/25/14 Approved

Minutes

March 25, 2014 5:30 P.M. Meeting

Members Present:

James Bosworth, Sherri Tetrault, James Vieira, Joseph Vieira and Timothy Lancaster

Members Absent:

Lisa Tavares

Minutes

Motion made and seconded to accept the Minutes of February 25, 2014. Voted 4-0-0

Jones Field Request

Motion made and seconded to approve the Sunday Morning League's request to utilize Jones Field on Sundays with the stipulation of adding a \$5 fee per player for the season. Voted 4-0-0

Motion made and seconded to deny the request from the SouthCoast Softball League to utilize Jones Field from April through September. The field has already been reserved for youth lacrosse and field hockey on those evenings. Voted 4-0-0

SouthCoast Energy Challenge

The SouthCoast Energy organization is a non-profit group bringing awareness to the public regarding solar energy. They are offering rebates on solar home projects. The organization would like to install a banner at one of the park facilities and set up a table in the hallway outside the office during the beach sticker season. Motion made and seconded to allow a banner at the Dartmouth Community Park and to set up a table outside the office. Voted 4-0-0

Historical Cemetery

Mr. Yena was referred to the Parks & Recreation Department by Judy Lund, a former cemetery commissioner. Mr. Yena's property contains a historical cemetery of eight burials at 1216 North Hixville Road. The cemetery is in a state of dis-repair. Mr. Yena would like to rebuild the stone walls surrounding

the cemetery, clear up the overgrown brush, plant grass and install a second gate for backhoe access when needed. Although the approval of the Parks & Recreation Board is not needed, Mr. Yena wanted to make the Board aware of his intentions and make sure there were no objections. The Board thanked Mr. Yena for his efforts and invited him back with pictures of his finished project.

Salaries

Mr. Cressman and Ms. Medeiros came before the Board to discuss the truck driver salary. Ms. Medeiros tried to find comparable towns with part-time truck drivers, but all other towns employ full-time drivers. The closest comparison would be Falmouth at \$13 per hour. The current truck driver rate is \$10.02 which would give the drivers basically a \$3 raise. Mr. Cressman and Ms. Medeiros agreed that \$13 would be a fair rate at this point. An additional \$4,800 would be needed to cover the increase. Mr. Cressman will add in the increase on the Spring Town Meeting Warrant grouped in with other positions within the town. The Select Board will review the warrant at one of their meetings in which the Parks & Recreation Board should be present. Motion made and seconded to increase the truck driver hourly rate to \$13 with the understanding that the rate will increase whenever the minimum wage increases to keep the pay structure intact. Voted 4-0-0

Concert Sponsors

There is a shortage of concert sponsors for this summer season. The Board was asked to put the word out for anyone interested in erecting a sign at Apponagansett Park to support the Summer Concert Series.

Round Hill Marsh

Mr. Mike O'Reilly, the Environmental Affairs Coordinator, came before the Board to discuss the restoration of the marsh at Round Hill Beach in-between the roadway and the parking lot. The town will receive \$3.3 million to restore about 6 acres of marsh. The permitting process will be underway soon. Construction is slated to begin in October of 2015 working through the winter and into spring. Approximately 75,000 cubic yards of fill will be removed by trucks using Ray Peck Drive. The Director stated that the asphalt on the roadway is very thin and crumbling in certain places. The road may not be able to withstand that amount of activity back and forth. Mr. O'Reilly stated that the contractor would be responsible for repairing the road. Mr. O'Reilly also stated that the plans include fixing the area across the roadway that tends to flood and retain water. The beach gates will be closed while the culvert is being replaced. There were concerns regarding the leaching field for the bathhouse, but it should not be affected by the construction. The neighbors are aware of the project and are in agreement after several meetings with Mr. O'Reilly.

Policies

Motion made and seconded to accept the Staff Policies as written with the addition of "Lifeguard approved women's bathing suit". Voted 4-0-0

Director's Report

>On March 27 the Board is invited to attend the Finance Committee meeting to discuss the CPC dog park project.

>Mr. Lancaster will be updating the Select Board how each department has progressed since the consolidation of boards at their meeting on April 7.

>Dig Safe has marked the area for the electrical install at Round Hill Beach.

>The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at Apponagansett Park on April 5.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 7:15 P.M. Voted 4-0-0

ATTEST:

Timothy J. Lancaster, Superintendent

Transcribed by:

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