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Parks & Rec Board
8/17/15
Approved

Minutes

August 17, 2015
5:30 P.M. Meeting

Members Present: James Bosworth, Joan Britto (arrived at 5:45), Sherri Tetrault, James Vieira, Joseph Vieira and Timothy Lancaster

Members Absent: None

David Cressman and Greg Barnes were in attendance until 6:00 P.M.

Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes of July 20, 2015. Voted 4-0-0

Salary Discussion

A chart was created comparing other communities' seasonal position hourly wages with that of Dartmouth's. The Finance Director and Town Administrator reviewed the chart with the Personnel Director and have accepted what was proposed. An article will be submitted to Fall Town Meeting for an effective date of July 1, 2016. The total cost for the salary adjustments is \$13,024. Revenue from 2014 was \$124,000. This year should be a bit higher based on sticker sales. Cost to operate the beach for the 2016 season is \$123,650 which includes the increases plus the extended beach hours. Many positive comments have been received from patrons regarding the new closing time of 8:00 P.M. daily at Round Hill Beach. The Board will be asking the Finance Committee for a reserve fund in the amount of \$2,032 to cover the extended hours for August of this year and June of 2016. An annual cost of the extended staff hours is \$4,425.

Dart Stat Program

Mr. Cressman stated that he has worked with Dart Stat over the past few years and would like the group to review and provide an analysis of park expenses, capital needs and how to fund those capitol items. Information needed would include how many people are using Round Hill.

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A count would need to be taken on a busy weekend at the Round Hill gate. To get a more accurate read, the count should be taken next July. The group could also assist with where to go for grants.

Cornell pond dam

The Town owns the dam at Cornell Pond which is in disrepair. The cost to repair the dam is about \$800,000. There is funding from the state to breach the dams, but not to repair them. Money wise it makes sense to remove the dam but the Board would like to know the results of doing so. Would the pond disappear and leave wetlands behind? Perhaps CIP funds could be used to do a study of breaching or maintaining the dam and what the impact of losing the pond might be. Also, is the dam strong enough to maintain once repaired. The next inspection will be in 2020.

Recessed at 6:00 P.M. to meet with the Finance Committee.

Reconvened at 6:20 P.M. with all members in attendance.

Capital Improvements

Mr. Lancaster met with CIP to discuss this year's capital requests which included a new composting restroom and resurfacing of the tennis court at Russells Mills Landing. Also requested was \$25,000 to move into the Allen Street garage. The building needs several repairs to the ceiling and walls, replacement windows and the installation of an above ground diesel tank. The move from the Bridge Street garage cannot take place until these repairs are complete.

Mr. Barnes explained to Mr. Lancaster that the CIP items don't have to be spread out over the five years if the items are in great need. Items to request next year include the band stand at Apponagansett Park, a dump truck bed insert, the Round Hill roadway, a replacement beach rake and a storage unit to place at Round Hill for the beach rake. The distance is too great to travel from Allen Street.

Apponagansett Improvements

Former Planning Agent, Donald Perry met at Apponagansett Park and listed recommendations for plantings around the Bucket and park that will be resilient to the weather and salt air. Mr. Joe Vieira has possible donations for memorial trees to be planted along the guardrail.

The Board would like to install a pre-fab pavilion over the pad. Motion made and seconded to contact the Grants Manager to apply for CPC monies for this project. Voted 5-0-0

Round Hill Buffer

According to the Conservation Office, the invasive plants at Round Hill that look like tomatoes can be removed with a permit. It may be a good idea to remove these plants over near the creek area to allow better access.

Dog Park Update

The dog park has been difficult to get underway. The second batch of bids came back well outside the available funding. The construction will have to be broken up into small projects and

contract out through the department for most aspects. Mr. Cressman will speak with Tim Barber at the DPW to look through the plans and make sure the cost estimates are on target. Mr. Cressman will also give Eversource the green light to run the wire to the switch because it will take some time to do so.

Day Care Groups

A town day care center has been bringing a large group of children to Round Hill Beach on a weekly basis. Their vans do have beach stickers. The problem is that there is no warning when they arrive leaving a burden on the lifeguards. The town program goes on Wednesday, but extra staff is in place ahead of time. The question is whether or not the day care groups should be allowed to Round Hill at all. Discussion tabled to future meeting.

Directors Report

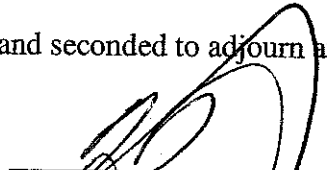
> Motion made and seconded to allow the usage of Apponagansett Park as a stop for a road race involved with "Mission to Liberia" on October 17. Voted 5-0-0

> Mr. Lancaster stated that there have been significant equipment failures over the past week. The beach rake let go while attempting to rake Round Hill. It has temporarily been repaired in hopes to last the rest of the season. The cost is about \$1,800 to replace the broken part. The white dump truck bed has a large crack in it and stuff is falling through. The metal shop at Voke will be contacted in hopes that the students can make the repairs over the winter. This truck is not used for plowing. Also the restroom doors on the Round Hill bathhouse are original. The replacement cost for each door is \$900. The men's room door will be replaced right away since it does not properly close and lock.

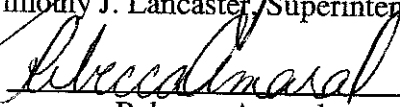
> There is a yellow house for sale on the corner of Water Street and Bridge that a CIP committee member approached Mr. Cressman about possibly having the town purchase the property under Parks & Recreation. It is adjacent to the town owned property and water access. There is a dock belonging to the property that could be used as public access as well as for the HarborMaster boats and other town agencies with a minimal fee. The detached garage could be converted to public restrooms with showers. Revenues would be generated through dock fees for the upkeep of the house. Mr. Lancaster will speak to the Grants Manager about researching grants through the state. The Board is in favor of the idea.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 7:28 P.M. Voted 5-0-0

ATTEST:



Timothy J. Lancaster, Superintendent

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