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DARTMOUTH TOWN CLERK

Parks & Rec Board
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Approved

Minutes

November 3, 2015
5:34 P.M. Meeting

Members Present: Joan Britto, James Bosworth, Sherri Tetrault, James Vieira, Joseph Vieira and Timothy Lancaster

Members Absent: None

Minutes

Motion made and seconded to approve the Minutes of September 22, 2015. Voted 5-0-0

Piping Plovers

Mr. Lancaster has been in contact with Gina Purtell from the Mass Audubon Society in regards to the annual piping plover issue at Round Hill Beach. Each year the Audubon Society erects a fenced in area near the creek to keep patrons away from the piping plover nests. This causes a problem for creek access because patrons must cross over onto private property to get to it. Ms. Purtell would like to work with the department. A meeting will be set in February or March to discuss different options that will benefit both groups. The Audubon Society will be applying for a grant to provide educational experiences and would like the Board's endorsement. Motion made and seconded to help the Audubon Society educate the residents of the town. Voted 5-0-0

Dog Park Update

The Grants Manager has been in contact with the Stanton Foundation in regards to the bids for Phase I of the Dog Park. Since the bids received were higher than anticipated, Ms. Wender and Mr. Cressman have been working with the lowest bidder to devise a way for the project to move forward. The Stanton Foundation does not want the town involved in the construction and will only work with one general contractor. DDAWG has an Earthworks contractor on the board to possibly take care of the clearing, stumping and grading. After their next meeting, the Parks & Recreation Board will receive an update.

Picnic Table Article

Twenty eight recycled material picnic tables will be purchased using the funds from Town Meeting. An additional two non-handicap tables will also be purchased for the pad at Apponagansett to match the existing handicap tables.

Restroom Facility

A request for bids to the replace the existing restroom at Russells Mills Landing will be sent out shortly and are due back December 4th. Neither the Building Department or Board of Health require a permit to install the new unit.

Human Resources

At the last meeting, the Board had requested the Human Resources Director be invited to attend this meeting to explain the different clerk titles and how they relate to the Parks & Recreation clerk position. The HR Director responded that she did not want to attend a Board meeting but would meet with two Board members along with the Town Administrator. A date has not yet been given.

Directors Report

> A preliminary report was sent to CPC for the Apponagansett pavilion project. The total cost will be \$72,000 which includes the labor for installation.

>An intern from the Select Board office is working with Dart Stat on the Round Hill Beach issues. The size of the restroom is extremely inadequate for the number of patrons visiting the beach. Mr. Cressman wanted a couple of options researched such as a prefabricated building or to reconfigure the existing building. With the Board of Health and Conservation regulations, it would be very difficult to construct another building on site. An architect will look at the existing building and redesign the inside to allow for additional stalls. Another idea is to add a composting trailer restroom down at the creek end. A water line would need to be hooked into it and it would have to be pumped out on a weekly basis.

>Mr. Hickox will be asked for an estimate to re-do the roadway to Round Hill Beach. The layer of tar is very thin and not designed to handle the amount of traffic it sees daily.

>The Select Board intern is also researching a new sticker program to control the current fraud that is happening. It would involve a hand held device that scans the sticker on the vehicle and links to the computer software for the selling of the stickers. Research is still underway.

>The Round Hill Beach marsh construction project headed by Conservation is currently on hold. A hearing has been scheduled with the beach neighbors in regards to the creek area.

>There is a meeting coming up on Friday the 8th to discuss the yellow house on Water Street with an architect to see what is capable of being done to convert the property for town usage. Also, the flooding issue must be addressed. The Board will agree to maintain the property if it will be open to the public for open space, water lessons, rentals, educational tours in conjunction with conservation, etc. The Seaport Coastal Grant is focused on recreational uses with water

access for up to one million dollars and is not considered a park grant. The Grants Manager is currently working on that application.

>Options for a POS system at the Bucket were discussed, the iPad being one of them. A demo has been scheduled from a company in Fall River involving a register system with kitchen printer. A cable for internet must be installed at the Bucket. Ms. Britto stated that would talk with Cyndi Marland from DCTV. Two, possibly three systems would be needed in the front tied to a single printer in the kitchen.

>The new dump truck should be arriving very soon.

>The three new fryolators have been installed and are ready to go for the spring opening.

>The outdoor walk-in freezer has arrived. The unit will be assembled by park employees. An electrician is needed to wire the freezer to the concession as well as a refridgeration tech to install the condenser.

>Evergreen Cemetery will be connected to the water main currently being installed along Old Fall River Road. M & P Construction will dig the trench from the connector at the road to a designated location within the cemetery.

The Director stated that most likely in five years or so, the cleared portion of Evergreen will reach grave lot capacity. The total property is eight acres in which have been divided into three sections. Mr. Lancaster will research prices to clear, de-stump and grade the second section. The roadway can be added in at any point later on.


Motion made and seconded to adjourn at 6:36 P.M. Voted 5-0-0

ATTEST:



Timothy J. Lancaster, Superintendent

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