

**PARKS COMMISSIONERS**  
**MASON LIBRARY**  
**231 MAIN STREET**  
**GREAT BARRINGTON, MA 01230**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014**  
**5:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:**

**PAUL GIBBONS - ABSENT**

**CHARLES BOUTEILLER - ABSENT**

**THOMAS NORTON**

**STEVE BANNON**

**PATRICIA SALVI - ABSENT**

**KATHY PLUNGIS**

**KAREN SMITH**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

There were no minutes for approval.

2. **PARKS CARE AND MAINTENANCE:**

A. Updates from Joe Sokul – DPW Superintendent – Joe advised that the cemetery department has been rebuilding and fixing picnic tables and benches. They also help the DPW with snow removal. A number of repairs are scheduled to be done at town buildings throughout the season. 4-6 tables were added to the parks last year. Joe advised that he and Chris Rembold have been working on a list of parks with their locations and what is available at the parks. He would like this to be in the form of a handout. Also he would like to install signs at the parks identifying them.

It was noted that the Lake Mansfield Task Force would like to add a changing facility to the Portalet enclosure. They are discussing fund raising. Christine Ward will be attending the next meeting to discuss this. He said he would get some pricing for an 8 x 8 foot section privacy screen. It was suggested putting in crushed stone for the floor and putting in benches and pegs for hanging items.

3. **PARKS USAGE REQUEST:**

A. Railroad Street Youth Project, 60 Bridge Street, to use the basketball court behind the drop in center on Friday, January 31, 2014 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. for a dance. Jared Boza, Jared Falta and Yevin Roh were present to explain their request. They advised that they will notify the Police and order Porta Potties for the event. They were advised to have at least 14 chaperones, and add surveillance lights to the riverside of the building. Karen requested a list of the chaperones.

**MOTION:** Steve Bannon to approve.

**SECOND:** Kathy Plungis

**VOTE:** 5-0

4. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Emily Shaw was not present.

5. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Tom said he would like to come up with a name for the Housatonic Park. He advised that he would obtain suggestions from the residents of Housatonic.

The next meeting of the Parks Commissioners will be Monday, February 10, 2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Wichmann".

Carolyn Wichmann  
Secretary