

Final

Commission Members Present:

Mark Lane; Chair, Lyn Stan, Larry Smith, Pamela Fitzgerald, and Gary Martin. (5)

Absent:

(3) Peter Robart; Treasurer, Todd Santora, and Don Janik.

Mark Lane called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

4. **Christmas Tree Burning 2017** - (Out of Order)

Discussion:

- Colleen Farias informed of other town Christmas tree burning events which also include music, food, skating, sledding and a bon-fire in the evening where the fire department would control the burn.
- Possible fund raiser event with proceeds donated to the Fire Department, Parks and Recreation Commission, and the LAS PTO.
- Colleen Farias agreed to contact Todd Wagner at Applecrest Farm Orchards if there is any interest with this new idea.
- Possible Farm to Table eating event at the Raspberry Farm.
- Colleen Farias agreed to lead these events.

The Commission expressed their appreciation to Colleen Farias for sharing ideas, and for agreeing to lead future bon-fire, farm to table, or other events.

1. **Minutes**

Motion: Larry Smith moved to accept the January 14, 2016 minutes as written. Second: Gary Martin. Motion passed 4-0-1. (Pamela Fitzgerald abstained.)

2. **Treasurer Report** - Tabled.

3. **Farmers Market Update** by Lyn Stan.

More contacts have shown interest and additional notices will be sent to vendors.

5. **Art on the Common Update** by Lyn Stan

Applications with payments have been received, many more artists have shown positive interest, and press releases have been sent to newspapers and magazines.

The website is up and running at: www.artonthecommon.org.

- Event applications can be down loaded.
- Thursday, Feb 18 is the next Arts on the Common Committee meeting.
- Welcome to Robin Frisella; a new Artist in town who has a studio located in the Hampton Falls Shoppers Village.

6. Castleberry Fair Update by Lyn Stan

Contracts are signed and have been sent to Terry of Castleberry Fair.

7. Raspberry Farm parking lot

Shawn Hansen; Conservation Commission is investigating an expansion of the Raspberry Field parking lot. Costs and volunteers would be needed to assist with the expansion. More information will be forthcoming.

8. Yoga – Spring Session

Sherry Evans; Yoga Instructor has agreed to conduct a yoga session for 9 weeks on Mondays, from 6-7:15 p.m. beginning on March 21 and ending on May 16, 2016. The fee is \$10 for each session or \$75 for all 9 week sessions.

9. 300th Cerebration

Larry Smith has agreed to work with the application process for the purchase of the Liberty Elm Trees. The goal is for the town, organizations, and residents to purchase 100 trees to be ready for the 300th Anniversary Celebration.

10. Summer Camp

Stacey Bellen and Mike Queenan will run the camp this summer. Favorable camp dates are July 11 – August 5, 2016.

Stacey Bellen will attend the March meeting for more discussion.

11. Baseball

Gary Martin agreed to schedule the field events for Governor Weare Field.

12. New Business

Rail Trail discussion:

- Assistance is needed to complete the trails between the Seabrook and Hampton rail trails with special interest for the bridges between Hampton Falls and Hampton.
- Trails would be accessible to walkers, bicycles, and equestrian, but not for motorized vehicles with the exception of handicap motorized wheelchairs.
- UNH civil engineering student are constructing an engineering project to make a plan for how the walkways, bridges, and conservation areas will look.

Governor Weare Field discussion:

- Additional infield mix may be added.
- A fence to be added that can be easily removed between the baseball fields and soccer fields.
- Maintenance of the fields, and field schedule.

Raspberry Farm

Mr. Ziolkowski discussed:

- Tick problems can be alleviated by creating paths with bark mulch. The chippings will repel the ticks.
- Using a bush hog brush cut instead of haying the fields and, maintaining and manicuring the fields on a weekly basis will help to eliminate the tick problem.
- Paths can be created by mowing just a path and maintaining a manicured mowed path.
- Fogging the ticks is much like the mosquito spraying.
- Adding a pump to be used for resurfacing the face of the ice.

What is the goal of the Raspberry Farm? What are we going to see there? Will we develop a maintenance fund for the future?

A Round Table Committee could be established to bring all the town commissions and boards together for the purpose of discussion:

- A delegate from each town commission and board who have interests in the Raspberry Farm to talk about fund raising for the Raspberry Farm. This will eliminate duplication of effort, and to work together to accomplish needs and ideas.

The Commission expressed appreciation to Mr. Ziolkowski for his knowledge on fields, ticks, and the maintenance of the Raspberry Farm.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 21, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion: Pam Fitzgerald moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Second: Gary Martin.
Motion passed 5-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Hastings

Recording Secretary